

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

as of 19 May 2020

Procurement of Consultancy Services as Systems Integrator for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Maintenance of the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys)

Query No.	QUERIES	ANSWER/S
1	Can MOSIP Platform be replaced by a proven solution?	Please refer to Secs. 9 and 5.1, Vol. 2 of Bidding Documents.
2	Scope - Given the limited budget, can we leverage on existing infrastructure? Can we recommend a pay per use model?	No, prescribed payment milestone is retained.
3	<p>In the PhilSys Implementation Roadmap, the indicated timeline is presented below:</p> <p>Setting-up of PhilSys Fixed Registration Centers 12 months after contract signature Mass Registration of Priority Sectors ~10M 3 months later</p> <p>Given this, is PSA willing to consider a more realistic timeline? Based on Indra's global experience, we consider 12 months as the minimum time required for the successful implementation of the tasks described above, considering time constraints described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Requirements specification, system analysis and technical design phases are estimated typically in minimum 2 months considering the high number of components involved and functional complexity of this large-scale system. · Logistics and reception of the equipment at PSA premises will not take place until 2 months after issuing the purchase orders, once the equipment to be purchased has been defined and specified. · Integration with third-parties architecture and products will add implementation extra time. It will be necessary to receive in advance third-party software and documentation (SDKs, frameworks, etc.) which will require self-training in hardware elements, licenses, development and integration environments, etc. · COTS software packages, if any, must be purchased and integrated in the final solution, what will require extra time for development, integration and testing. · Integration with the main components of the Philsys system belonging to the other 3 major blocks subject of separate tenders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The interdependence between activities corresponding to different blocks makes it difficult the fulfilment of the committed dates, especially when the deadlines are so tight. o The coexistence of different suppliers working on packages, subject of different tenders but all of them belonging to Philsys, penalizes the joint work and the delivery date due to the dependencies in the acceptance from PSA of the different phases and deliverables in charge of different suppliers, by not being able to take advantage of synergies, corporate policies, and management and coordination of the different work teams belonging to the same company, and not having the information available to address tasks in advance, as it would be if these tasks were all undertaken by the same supplier. o ABIS: Integration testing of the system components involved in registration and authentication cannot be performed until ABIS system is available. The rest of the tests (system, performance and load testing and user and acceptance tests) will also be affected. o Registration Kits: The processing and consolidation in central system of the biometric and biographic information registered using the mobile kits will require that the information is sent in time and form. Any incident with the performance of the kits will negatively impact the integration tests. o PhilID cards: It will be necessary an integration with the card supplier, printers and personalization system to implement related software components: Card management system, personalization management system, etc. · Integration with external interfaces and systems unknown to INDRA beyond its control will lengthen testing phase depending on the availability and proper operation of these interfaces, web-services, etc. · System Integration of the Philsys is highly sensitive and exposed to delays and incidents in the rest of the packages, as it cannot be accepted until the rest of the system components of the whole system are completed and running properly. 	<p>The timeline was set based on the requirements of the PhilSys implementation. The delivery is structured into phases to allow Consultant to prioritize its activities to support the requirements of the PhilSys implementation.</p>
4	Can a foreign bidder participate without local (Philippine) company as partner?	Yes

5	Can we pay the Bidding Documents fee online?	We are coordinating with our Financial Service on possible arrangements for online payment. Advisory to follow. Please note, however, that payment of bid documents fee is not required for submission of expression of interest (EOI) and eligibility documents.
6	Given the current COVID 19 pandemic situation, Foreign Bidders may not be able to attend the opening of the bid documents. In such case, how do we submit the password for online submissions?	Advisory to follow.
7	Can a foreign company submit the equivalent Company Registration Certificate and Income Tax Returns issued in the respective country instead of Mayor's certificate ?	Yes, if the Company Registration Certificate is the equivalent of a Mayor's or business permit in the country or jurisdiction where it operates.
8	Given the importance and critical nature of the Project, to ensure the rightly qualified SI, we recommend to make all three certificates - ISO 9001, ISO 27001 and CMMi Level 3 as mandatory and not any one of these three.	Company or firm must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC 27001, CMMI level 3 and above).
9	on Annex F - Profile of Key Personnel Is there a requirement of a single person fitting all roles or separate manager for each role?	Please designate one expert for each role.
	Clarification required on "MUST have at least 5 years of experience as managers in their designated role"	Question vague.
10	We request confirmation that bidders can bid as a consortia. We also understand that there is no need for a JV to be established. The members of consortia will be independently and jointly responsible for delivering the engagement.	Persons/entities forming themselves into a joint venture, i.e., a group of two or more persons/entities that intend to be jointly or severally responsible or liable for a particular contract may participate in the bidding.
11	We understand that the entities of the JV / Consortia would be jointly and severally liable. We also understand that Lead bidder needs to have around 60% stake in the Project. In this context, we request you to kindly consider the following: The entities of JV would be jointly and severally liable. However, the Lead will be responsible and liable for entire scope of work but the Consortium would be responsible for, and its liability would be limited to, Consortium's own scope of work only	Persons/entities forming themselves into a joint venture, i.e., a group of two or more persons/entities that intend to be jointly or severally responsible or liable for a particular contract may participate in the bidding. Hence, each joint venture partner should be responsible for the entire scope of work under the contract.
12	Similar contracts shall refer to projects in the field of National ID Systems, Civil Registration, Voter Registration, Driver's License, Passport, Taxpayer Administration, Insurance Administration, Know Your Customer (KYC) utilities, or other systems of similar nature, which projects should be in operation for at least two (2) years. AMTI Query: May we request to amend it to IT Infrastructure or Any IT Infrastructure for more bidders to participate.	No
13	Relevant Experience – must have implemented IT projects of similar nature (involving biometrics and/or identity) or scale, the cumulative amount of which is at least 50% of the ABC. AMTI Query: May we request to reduce the cumulative amount of which is at least 50% of the ABC to at least 25% of the ABC.	No
14	We understand that the statement of all contracts with government and private sector that have been completed by both the members in the JV in the last 7 years need to be provided. However we would like to highlight two issues: In various contracts, the we has signed Non Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) with the clients. In such case we will not be able to submit specific details of those contracts. We would request that the Bidder is exempted to share details for contracts wherein the Bidder has signed NDAs.	According to GPPB Non-Policy Opinion 2014-10-09 "...As such, even contracts that includes non-disclosure agreement (NDA) or confidentiality clauses are required to be disclosed. It is likewise good to clarify that the requirement refers to a statement made by the bidder relative to all its ongoing and private contracts and not, the actual submission of the physical contracts." Thus the bidders are required to comply with the requirements of the statement of all ongoing and completed contracts
	Also we have worked with various donor agencies / bilateral agencies / government agencies / etc. who dont issue completion certificates even when the projects are completed and the payments have been done. In such case we will request if the Bidder can provide declaration from the authorized signatory in reference to completion of the project be accepted as a valid document along with the copy of contract.	Testimonials or references duly signed by the client or their authorized representative are acceptable. Please refer to Sec. 2.1(a)(ii.7) of the Eligibility Data Sheet (EDS).
15	Re: Class A document under section 2.1(a)(iii) - the statement of nationality of consultant and confirming that personnel are registered professionals - is this the same as Form C (curriculum vitae)?	No
16	Can a foreign bidder participate without local (Philippine) company as partner?	Yes
17	Can we pay the Bidding Documents fee online?	We are coordinating with our Financial Service on possible arrangements for online payment. Advisory to follow. Please note, however, that payment of bid documents fee is not required for submission of expression of interest (EOI) and eligibility documents.
18	Given the current COVID 19 pandemic situation, Foreign Bidders may not be able to attend the opening of the bid documents. In such case, how do we submit the password for online submissions?	Supplemental Bid Bulletin to follow.
19	Given ECQ - could the documents be sent via email or only regular post?	Supplemental Bid Bulletin to follow.
20	Is it necessary to have our eligibility documents to be certified, notarized and consularized (foreign bidder) considering that it is very difficult to procure such services during the pandemic	No, subject to compliance therewith after contract of award but before payment.

21	May we request for copy of the Annexes of the Bid docs? No annexes was included in the bid docs vol 2	All annexes can be downloaded from either PhilGEPS or Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA) website since May 15, 2020.
22	Is it required to purchase the bidding documents to join the EOI? or purchase can be done after being shortlisted?	No, payment of bid documents fee is not required for submission of EOI and eligibility documents.
23	Madam Chair, for the management team and key personnel, are foreigners allowed?	Yes
24	Will non-philipino CVs be marked as ineligible?	No
25	Clause Certifications – must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC27001, CMMI level 3 and above). Question - The certificates being request by PSA are important and will ensure that the agency / implementation partner will have the required competency in ensure high quality operation, information security and software development capability. However all three are essential to be produced to meet these requirements. In this regard we would suggest that PSA requests all three certificates. These are basic certificates that will ensure that National ID platform is implemented by an qualified agency.	Company or firm must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC 27001, CMMI level 3 and above)
26	Re: consularization/apostille, if a foreign bidder's documents are already in English originally, do you need these to be apostilled/consularized/certified?	No
27	What happens if you dont get 5 companies that make your eligibility criteria?	According to Sec. 24.5.2 of the 2016 IRR of RA 9184, should only one (1) or less than the required number apply for eligibility and short listing, pass the eligibility check, and/or pass the minimum score required in the short listing, the BAC shall consider the same.
28	For digital submissions, are digital signature allowed?	Yes
29	This is technical inquiry: For the site interconnection/bandwidth of site interconnection for the RTO/RPO requirement. Is this the site-to-site ping latency?	No. These refer to Recovery Point objective (RPO) and Recovery Time objective (RTO) prescribed for disaster management and back up frequency. They can be measured by disaster recovery tools during drills .
30	Are the bidders required to submit during the EOI all the Project Team members like Business and Solution Analysts, CRM, Contact Center and Helpdesk Manager, etc., enumerated in Annex F but are not listed in the EDS 9.2.1?	For purposes of EOI/shortlisting, only those indicated under Section 9.2, item no. 2, of EDS will be submitted for evaluation.
31	For the SLCC, can you change it to 2 similar contracts instead wherein the aggregated amount should be equivalent to 50% of the ABC?	SLCC is not required for consulting services. Please refer to Sec. 9.2, item 1, of the EDS.
32	For project experience of our company and key personnel, do we need to make notarization?	No
33	Will you accept 2018 AFS as the deadline for the filing of 2019 AFS is until June 14?	Yes
34	clause Certifications – must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC27001, CMMI level 3 and above), if HQ certificate can it be applied at philippine?	Only if the HQ can be held liable for its certification.
35	For project experience of our company and key personnel, do we need to make notarization?	No
36	How will the May 26 opening be conducted? Still online? Thanks	Opening of eligibility documents will be done on line in accordance with Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine guidelines. Advisory to follow.
37	Re: mayor's permit for foreign bidders; if current mayor's permit is still valid, but will expire in the next few months and cannot yet be renewed because of COVID 19 lockdown in the foreign country, what other document can the foreign bidder submit instead?	Expired mayor's permit may be submitted subject to submission of renewed mayor's permit after contract award but before payment.
38	After the shortlisting, Will PSA announce the shortlisted compny?	Shortlisted bidders will be notified. Shortlist will also be posted in PhilGEPS.
39	With respect to the question raised by PwC re quality certifications, we support the concern raised and ask that all three certifications be required to ensure that eligible bidders meet this essential quality criteria.	Company or firm must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC 27001, CMMI level 3 and above).
40	must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC27001, CMMI level 3 and above- is this requires fo all consortium members or only one	Only one is required to submit and should correspond to the JV partner who submitted the statement of completed and ongoing contracts.
41	For any Technical Concerns, when and where can we send our Technical inquiry?	Technical questions may be submitted to the BAC Secretariat at bac-secretariat@psa.gov.ph.
42	Question : Do we need to submit Bid Fee at the time of technical submission	Yes, bid document fee shall be required upon submission of technical and financial proposal by shortlisted bidders.
43	Do we need to provide a secretary certificate from each entity that the board of the corporation authorizes the entity to enter into the JVA? or is it enough that the corporations sign in the undertaking	No need to submit secretary's certificate authorizing each entity to enter into joint venture.
44	Can the BAC Confirm that Consularized or Notarized Document is not needed on this stage?	Confirmed.
45	Can a shortlisted bidder opt not to join the Bid? Will there be implications	Shortlisted bidders have the option not to submit technical and financial proposals.
46	Can a foreign company bid on their own as long he qualifies on the eligibility?	Yes
47	Will the technical specifications be share only to the shortlisted eligible companies ? JV's?	Technical specifications are already posted in PhilGEPS and PSA website.
48	Are the bidders allowed to submit a committed line of credit or bank guarantee in lieu of the NFCC?	Yes
49	If number 1 is in the affirmative, can the bidders submit a bank guarantee from a foreign bank that need not be notarized or consularized as said services are difficult to obtain in the pandemic?	Yes
50	Does the bank guarantee from a foreign bank need to be certified by a local commercial or universal bank?	Yes
51	Can all the bank guarantees or committed line of credit, whether foreign or local, be digital copies instead of originally signed documents?	Yes

52	Can all the securities for this tender (bid security, performance bond) be digital copies? Can the original copies be submitted during post qualification?	Yes
53	Do the Secretary Certificates authorizing each corporate entity to enter into a JVA need to be notarized? Or can it be just signed by the corporate secretary?	Notarization is not needed.
54	Please help provide a limit to maximum number of projects each bidder can submit, we request the evaluation committee to evaluate based on the project relevance, success factor and benefit to the end user /	Statement of all ongoing and completed contracts shall include all contracts. Please see Sec. 9.2, EDS, for Shortlisting Criteria.
	Please help clarify if this criteria is in conjunction to 2.a(a)(ii) i.e., All these projects should be signed or completed in last 7 years from the date of bid submission	Yes.
55	Need clarity on term Subcontracting. Is it subletting responsibility to a vendor? or any kind of subcontracting (manpower, equipment, ICT equipment etc are also not allowed to be subcontracted. Furthermore we would like to state that PSA may like to consider subcontracting certain category of services to be sub-contracted with prior approval.	Subcontracting is not allowed. Suggestion noted.
56	The Contract needs to document an objective scope change process to address any changes to the agreed scope of work, timelines or duration of the project, in a mutual consultative manner. This would ensure that neither side is expected to assume any implied obligations.	Suggestion noted.
57	It is requested to allow standard exceptions to confidential information, which is industry standard and reasonable. Not all information can be regarded as confidential. For eg., if the information is in public domain, we cannot be expected to keep it confidential at our end. Similarly, if any information is liable to be disclosed under the law, giving it a confidential status and obliging us to keep such information confidential is not correct. We request inclusion of following clause: Confidential information does not include any information which (i) is rightfully known to the recipient prior to its disclosure; (ii) is independently developed by the recipient without use of or reliance on confidential information; or (iii) is or later becomes publicly available without violation of this agreement or may be lawfully obtained from a third party; or (iv) which would be required to be disclosed under the (Indian) Right to Information Act.	Suggestion noted.
58	The current clause is very subjective in nature. We would request that all payments shall be made for all work done as per mutually agreed milestones and objective acceptance criteria.	Suggestion noted.
59	It is requested to limit consultant's liability to 1X of the total contract value. It is also the normal industry practice. You may consider including the following language: PSA agrees that Consultants total liability for all claims connected with the services or this agreement (including but not limited to negligence), whether in contract, tort, statute, indemnities or otherwise, is limited to one time the professional fees paid / payable for the services. The following shall be further clarified: § In no event should Consultant be liable or responsible for any consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive, exemplary or special damages of any nature whatsoever. § For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby clarified that the relationship of Consultant this Agreement is solely with Client, and accordingly, no person who is not an executing party to this Agreement, shall have any rights to enforce this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or otherwise).	Suggestion noted.
60	An objective and consultative process should precede before exercising termination rights under this clause. To ensure that the clause is not interpreted in a subjective manner, a mechanism should be put in place to objectively capture service related defaults and allocate the accountability to an appropriate party in a transparent manner. Upon termination, consultant should be paid for the services performed by consultant till the date of termination. Additionally, given our audit independence requirements, we would also require the right to terminate in circumstances where continued performance under this contract would breach our legal, professional or regulatory requirements. Further, upon termination we shall be paid for the work done till date of termination.	Suggestion noted.

61	It is clarified that the survival period for any obligations post termination / expiration of the contract will be six months from the date of termination/expiry.	Suggestion noted.
62	While we are ok to return hard copies of confidential information made available by client and/or delete or make reasonably inaccessible any electronic copies thereof - however we need to retain our internal working papers and central IT archives as per our organizational data policies. That said, we are ok to state that any retained copies of confidential information by us shall be maintained in confidence as per the terms of this agreement.	Ok
63	Please note this leads to ambiguity in the scope of work to be performed. Any changes should be upon mutually agreed terms and fees	Suggestion noted.
64	The audit rights are widely worded. Due to client confidentiality & internal data policy reasons, we would be unable to provide such unqualified access to our systems, premises and records. That said, we are agreeable to a review by PSA to the extent that it is: (i) restricted to providing access to Consultant's fees/ invoicing related records relating to the services under this project; (ii) is carried out within 6 months of the expiry or termination of the agreement. Consultant should not be expected to provide any information which may cause it to breach confidentiality vis-a-vis other parties. If an audit is contemplated to be conducted by an external/third party auditor, we would need such third party to sign an NDA with us (in a format suggested by us).	Suggestion noted.
65	We request client to cap the liquidated damages/penalties cumulatively to 5% of the total contract value.	Section 56, GCC, retained.
	we request you to kindly make imposition of liquidated damages as sole and exclusive remedy for corresponding breaches.	Section 56, GCC, retained.
	We understand that we would be liable to pay liquidated damages to the extent corresponding breach is solely attributable to us. Kindly confirm.	Section 56, GCC, retained.
66	We would request arbitration as per SIAC rules and to be held in Singapore	Suggestion noted.
67	Please advise us for another round of clarification before RFP (Request for another conference?)	Response to technical queries will be issued regularly thru Q&A. Please check PhilGEPs and PSA website.
68	Re: statement of intent to enter into JV/JVA, will the PSA prescribe a specific form for these? And may I also clarify, submission of notarized JVA/statement should be before contract award, or before payment?	No, there is no prescribed form for JV. For the submission of notarized JVA, it may after contract award but before payment.
69	Is it required for the certificates of project completion / acceptance of work for the Statement of all Ongoing Contracts to be originally signed by the Clients or is a digital signature sufficient? Will copies of the contracts of the contracts suffice?	Digital signatures are acceptable.
70	For foreign bidders, some countries do not issue certificates of completion of their projects, and in some instances, the projects themselves are covered by NDAs so they cannot disclose details. What alternative documents will the PSA accept if the contracts and certificate of completion cannot be obtained?	Testimonials or references duly signed by the client or their representative are acceptable. Please refer to Sec. 2.1(a)(ii.7), EDS.
71	on the proof / certificate of satisfactory completion - at least one certification from client is enough?	Yes
72	Re: equivalents of certificate of completion in contracts abroad, would a certification/statement from the bidder itself suffice?	No. Please refer to Sec. 2.1(a)(ii), EDS.
73	Certificate of project completion/acceptance of work, and testimonials or references duly signed by the client or their representative AMTI Query: Is Official receipt acceptable? As proof that the project is already completed.	No. Please refer to 2.1(a)(ii), EDS.
74	Regarding the certificate of completion of previous contracts in foreign countries, where there are no such certificates issued by procuring entities and the contracts are covered by NDA. As discussed during the conference earlier, we understand that bidder can determine what will serve as equivalent document for certificate of completion. Will PSA accept a self-declaration by the bidder stating details of project with attached proof of payment? Will PSA require the self declaration to be notarized?	No. Please refer to 2.1(a)(ii), EDS.
75	We request you to accept testimonials as email copy, considering the current lockdown situation it might not be possible for us to obtain physical signatures.	Please refer to 2.1(a)(ii) of the EDS
76	Are we required to submit ONLY these key personnel during EOI? or do we submit all required personnel as stated in Annex F?	For purposes of EOI/shortlisting, only those indicated under Section 9.2, item no. 2, of EDS will be submitted for evaluation.
77	Can the authorized representative of the joint bidders be the person indicated in the unnotarized undertaking?	Yes
78	For JV/ Consortium – will the ongoing and completed contracts be required for the all the members? The form provided is specific to Consulting Services	At least one of the JV partners is required to submit.
79	For the JV, will the 60/40 ruling apply for this bid?	No
80	Is the Foreign bidder allowed to participate without any local JV partner?	Yes
81	For foreign JV partners, in lieu of a PhilGeps, can they submit digital copies of foreign equivalent of Mayors Permit and ITR	Yes

82	Is there a JV template that we need to comply with ?	No
83	Re: PhilGEPS Certificate, is a printout of the certificate from PhilGEPS website suffice as an original and we can submit this as part of our eligibility documents?	Yes
84	Clause PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership in accordance with Section 8.5.2 of the IRR or any alternative document stated in the EDS. Question - We understand that Philgep Platinum certificate is sufficient to be produced by the Bidder. Also in a JV both the entities need to provide this certificate or any one of the entity needs to provide this certificate ?	Each JV partner should submit PhilGEPS Certificate or alternative documents as stated in Section 2.1(a)(i), EDS.
85	Can BAC confirm that in Lieu of PHILGEPS for Foreign Bidders; we can submit digital copies of a. Mayor's Permit or Equivalent; b. AFS and Income Tax return	Confirmed.
86	We understand that Philgep Platinum certificate is sufficient to be produced by the Bidder. Also in a JV both the entities need to provide this certificate or any one of the entity needs to provide this certificate ?	Each JV partner should submit PhilGEPS Certificate or alternative documents as stated in Section 2.1(a)(i), EDS.
87	With respect to the question raised by PwC re quality certifications, we support the concern raised and ask that all three certifications be required to ensure that eligible bidders meet this essential quality criteria.	Firm must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC 27001, CMMI level 3 and above).
88	National ID is one of the most essential program for the country. The program envisages to host critical sensitive data of the citizen. Further more it is envisages that the SI will develop state of the art National ID application and will operate the platform ensuring high quality. All these are critical needs of the platform. The certificates being request by PSA are important and will ensure that the agency / implementation partner will have the required competency in ensure high quality operation, information security and software development capability. However all three are essential to be produced to meet these requirements. In this regard we would suggest that PSA requests all three certificates. These are basic certificates that will ensure that National ID platform is implemented	Firm must have at least one certification for quality, security (ISO/IEC 9001, ISO/IEC 27001, CMMI level 3 and above).
89	The statement of all completed government and private contracts shall include all such contracts within the last seven (7) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of eligibility documents. AMTI Query: May we request to extend it to within 10 years	No.
90	@PSA BAC Secretariat, can you please extend the submission of Eligibility Requirements until June 9, 2020?	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
91	Dear PSA. May we please request extension for the submission of Eligibility Documents?	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
92	May we please request extension for the submission of Eligibility Documents?	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
93	Dear PSA BAC. May we request for an extension to June 17? thank you	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
94	Same concern, can we move submission date to June 16 instead (in consideration to our current situation) especially bidder with foreign partner?	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
95	Considering the current COVID situation; May we respectfully ask for an extension of EOI submission to June 20, 2020.	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
96	Can we extend the submission?	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
97	We would like to request for extension of submission of Eligibility	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
98	We would request PSA to please provide 10 day extension to the Bid submission date to provide sufficient time for the agencies to respond to this EOI. A number of countries are today going through lock downs due to COVID 19 and due to this there are severe movement restriction and business continuity issues being faced by the organizations. In this regards we would request 10 days extension to the EOI submission timeline.	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
99	In the view of the current lockdown situation and to prevent any physical contact transmission of contamination, please allow us to submit the response to the EOI via digital medium / email only	Yes, advisory to follow.
100	Can the eligibility document submission be extended to June 16 as processing and preparation is hampered by ECQ, MECQ, and GCQ related to COVID?	Submission of EOI and eligibility documents extended to June 1, 2020.
101	Will this presentation be shared with the attendees?	Yes. Presentations were sent by separate e-mail.
102	Question: can we get the all Q&A via email ? because the echo we unable to listen clearly.	Yes
103	Will PSA be posting all the Q & A?	Yes
104	Can we request a summary of the answers to questions of BAC as there was some echo/audio feedback - so we can be sure we understood correctly the answers provided?	Yes
105	Does proposing non-Phillipino CVs amount to ineligible?	No
106	When is short list announced ?	Supplemental Bid Bulletin in view of revised timelines to follow.
107	What is the exchange rate to be used for the 50% cumulative amount of the ABC?- Relevant Experience – must have implemented IT projects of similar nature (involving biometrics and/or identity) or scale, the cumulative amount of which is at least 50% of the ABC	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas exchange rate as of EOI submission. Please refer to http://www.bsp.gov.ph/statistics/statistics_exchrate.asp .
108	Will the short list be shared?	Shortlist will be posted in PhilGEPS.

109	We note that GPPB Manuals and RA 9184 IRR require apostille/ consularization only if the foreign documents are not in english, and have to be translated by an authorized translator. Will you also adopt this same policy, or will you need foreign documents to be apostilled even if they are already originally in English and do not need to be translated?	Only eligibility documents which are in foreign language other than English need to be translated. An unauthenticated English translation may be accepted subject to compliance therewith after award of contract but before payment. Please refer to Section 2.2, EDS.
110	We wish to clarify that we maintain insurances, at the firm level, which are required to be maintained by us as per the provision of laws. Separate insurances for this project may not be required in light of such firm level insurance. We can provide you with a confirmation about our firm level insurance and that to the extent required by law, this project will also be covered under that insurance. We hope that should suffice.	This will suffice as long as insurance policy covers any risk related to the project.