



INVITATION TO BID FOR PROCUREMENT OF FIREWALL APPLIANCE FOR HIGH AVAILABILITY

1. The **Philippine Statistics Authority**, through the **2022 General Appropriations Act** intends to apply the sum of **Five Million Pesos (P 5,000,000.00)** being the total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payment for the **Procurement of Firewall Appliance for High Availability**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The **Philippine Statistics Authority** now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. Delivery of the Goods is required within **30 calendar days for Firewall Appliance for High Availability upon receipt of Notice to Proceed**. Bidders should have completed, within **3 years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II (Instructions to Bidders).
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “*pass/fail*” criterion as specified in the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA No. 5183.

4. Prospective Bidders may obtain further information from **Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during working hours from 8AM- 5PM weekdays except holidays.

PSA BAC Secretariat
11th floor, Cyberpod Centris One, Eton Centris
EDSA corner Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on **13 July 2022** from the given address and website(s) below and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the following amounts:

<i>Lot No.</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Approved Budget for the Contract (in Php)</i>	<i>Price of Bidding Documents (in Php)</i>
Lot 1	Firewall Appliance for High Availability	5,000,000.00	5,000.00

The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees in person, or through electronic means.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the PSA, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

6. The PSA-BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **21 July 2022, 2:00 PM** through video conferencing or webcasting *via Zoom*. Meeting links will be provided to the respective email addresses provided to the BAC Secretariat by the interested bidders,
7. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through manual submission at the office address indicated below on or before **04 August 2022, 9:00AM**. Late bids shall not be accepted.
8. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 14.
9. Bid opening shall be on **04 August 2022, 2:00PM**. The link for Zoom conference will be sent to the respective email addresses given by the interested bidders. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate in the activity or witness the opening of the bids through video conferencing via Zoom platform. Bidders interested to participate shall coordinate and register with the BAC Secretariat for the link through email address indicated below.
10. The Philippine Statistics Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Sections 35.6 and 41 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
11. For further information, please refer to:

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Tel. No. : (02) 374-8270

Email address: bac-secretariat@psa.gov.ph or bacsecretariat.psa@gmail.com

12. You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents:

www.psa.gov.ph or **<https://procurement.psa.gov.ph/>**

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