



Republic of the Philippines
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 Region VI – Western Visayas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Title/Description:

BAC Meeting: Pre-Bid for the Procurement of Desktop Computers and Other Requirements for the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) Data Processing of PSA RSSO VI

Date:	Time Started:	Time Adjourned:	Venue:
27 August 2024	2:18 PM	3:15 PM	PSA RSSO6 Learning and Development Center
Meeting Presider:			
BAC Chairperson William G. Jaro (Online)			
Meeting Attended by:			
<i>Marlene Y. Alviar (Online)</i> <i>Nelida B. Losare (Online)</i> <i>Mary Grace D. Dorilag</i> <i>Arleen P. Bagoning (Online)</i> <i>Rovelyn M. Llamas (Online)</i> <i>Elmer S. Tumlos</i> <i>Danny S. Leonor</i> <i>Nerissa L. Campaniel</i> <i>Eufrosina A. Propetiado</i> <i>Robert H. Manuel</i> <i>Jenelyn B. Hisuan</i> <i>Miguel S. Gallego I (Online)</i> <i>Victor Angelo B. Belgira</i>			
Suppliers Onsite:			
<i>Sean Fadrefuera – Diamond Empire Marketing</i>			
Suppliers Online:			
<i>Marjon Colorado - Xitrix Computer Corporation</i> <i>Jylene Tugay / LanceMarollano – Quantatics Inc.</i> <i>Anton Gaurana – Microgenesis Business Systems</i> <i>Lyn Gadong – Cyberlink Compu Sales</i> <i>Chona Camacho – Maxcor Inter-Ventures, Co.</i> <i>Andrew Abangan – Click Haus Computer Sales</i> <i>Angelyn Bebing / Axcel R. Forbes – AEP Systems</i> <i>Albert Paler – Joneco Tech Marketing Corporation</i> <i>Kit Denauto – Macrologic Diversified Technologies Inc.</i> <i>Rolando Ginoy / Janelly Biona – Oxord Computer Solutions</i> <i>Beng Espinosa</i>			
Absent from meeting:			
<i>(See attached Attendance Sheet)</i>			
AGENDA	TOPICS		



Agenda Item No. 1	Pre-Bid for the Procurement of Desktop Computers and Other Requirements for the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) Data Processing of PSA RSSO VI
Agenda Item No. 2	Other matters

HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hisuan, BAC Secretariat Head, did the roll call of the participants. She also mentioned that there were no observers present onsite or online. She clarified that invitation letters were sent to them. • Mr. Jaro called the meeting to order after declaration of quorum.
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jaro, BAC Chairperson, requested a representative from the Technical Working Group (TWG) to read the Procurement Opportunity. Invitation to Bid of the Bidding Documents for the Procurement of Desktop Computers and Other Requirements for the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System (POPCEN-CBMS) Data Processing of PSA RSSO VI with Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of P10,600,000.00. Mr. Tumlos, TWG Member, read the said section. • After the reading the Section I, Mr. Jaro requested prospective bidders to raise their questions, concerns, and clarifications. Mr. Paler, from Joneco Tech Marketing Corporation, inquired about the schedule of requirements of 30 calendar days, asking the end-user if it could be extended to 60 calendar days due to the bulkiness of the 127 units of desktop computers. Mr. Jaro replied that during the Pre-Procurement Conference, it was decided by the committee with the concurrence of the end-user that it would be 30 days. However, he noted that after this Pre-Bid Conference, the BAC will have a meeting to discuss the supplier's request. The decision would ultimately be up to the committee and the end-user. • Additionally, Mr. Paler stated that if his request may not be granted, the committee could consider an extension letter. Mr. Jaro responded that if it comes to requesting an extension, there should be a valid reason or justification. The BAC has no authority to grant or offer an extension, as this authority lies with the Head of the Procuring Entity (HOPE). However, as a supplier, they have the right to request an extension, but it is not guaranteed that it will be accepted by the HOPE. • Mr. Paler also requested clarification on the 13th Generation Intel if its i5 or i7 Processor because it is not indicated in the specification. Mr. Tumlos said that the 13th Generation Intel is i7 Processor. • Mr. Paler also requested clarification on the 16 GB DDR5-5299MHz, specifically whether it is not 5200Mhz. Mr. Tumlos responded that they will verify the information from the Central Office and subject it for verification. • Mr. Paler also asked for the I/O Connectors Front or Side in the 1x headphone/microphone combo if the end-user can consider its offer of 1 microphone in and 1 headphone out. Mr. Tumlos said they will consider the suppliers offer. • Mr. Paler also inquired about the 1x USB 2.0 Type A in the Rear or Side I/O Connectors if the end-user can consider 4x USB 2.0 Type A. Mr. Tumlos said they will consider the suppliers offer due to the specification stated at least 1x and the offer is higher than the required specification. • Additionally, Mr. Paler asked if the committee could omit the 1x audio-out in the




Rear or Side I/O Connectors. Mr. Tumlos replied that the audio output is necessary in the Rear I/O Connectors since the connectors required two soundcards, one in the front and one in the back.

- Lastly, Mr. Paler asked about the on-board internal speakers, inquiring if the end-user could consider their possible offer that the board has an internal speaker, although it is not intended for music listening. Mr. Tumlos replied that the on-board internal speakers are not intended for music listening, but rather for error notifications.
- Mr. Jaro said that the supplier concerns will be integrated in the supplemental bid bulletin as integral part of the bidding documents.
- Mr. Gaurana from Microgenesis Business Systems also raised the same query with Mr. Paler to extend the delivery period from 30 days to 60 days and for the memory of 16 GB 5299 MHz he said the memory design is intended for laptop not for desktop computers it is either 4400 or 5200 MHz for the memory of DDR5 and he also added then for the Monitor and Keyboard. Mr. Gaurana wanted to be clarified if it is the same brand as the system unit and not the CPU.
- Mr. Jaro said that the desktop that the PSA were going to procure is branded which means that the CPU and the Monitor will be in the same brand. Mr. Gaurana said that the CPU is the central processing unit, and the brand is different. The whole unit is called system unit the CPU is a chip inside or Processing unit. The supplier wanted to be clarified if the brand they refer to is the system unit. Mr. Jaro said that it is the whole desktop system unit.
- Mr. Marollano/ Ms. Tugay from Quantatics Inc. inquired about the 16 GB DDR5 if the end-user can consider DDR4. Mr. Tumlos said that they cannot consider the supplier offer since DDR5 will be used in the Mapping.
- Ms. Tugay also asked about Bluetooth 5.1 if the end-user can consider Bluetooth 5.0. Mr. Tumlos said that he will consult with the other technical working group if they can consider the suppliers offer.
- Ms. Tugay also inquired about the Front or Side I/O Connectors in the at least 2x Superspeed USB Type A 10 Gpbs signaling rate if the end-user can consider their offer, instead of 2 USB they can change it to 1 USB. Mr. Tumlos said that they can consider it if the supplier would offer the other USB at the rear part.
- Lastly, Ms. Tugay inquired regarding the warranty of at least two (2) years on parts & Labor On-Site with Media Data Retention or keep your hand Drive. Mr. Tumlos explained that data retention is intended for recovering corrupted files that cannot be recovered, and that the system can be rebooted to its factory settings, which would prevent installing external software or program due to licensing restrictions.
- Mr. Abangan of Click Haus Computer Sales inquired about the memory if the end-user can consider his offer of 5600 MHz Mr. Tumlos said that they will verify it. The decision will be reflected in the Supplemental Bid Bulletin.
- Mr. Abangan also inquired about regarding the Front or Side I/O connectors USB type C if the end-user can make it all 3.0. Mr. Tumlos said that Type C is required since it is needed in the Hard Drive for back up with at least 10 Gbps.

- Mr. Abangan also inquired about the UPS if the end-user can consider any brand for the UPS. Mr. Tumlos said they can offer any brand for the UPS as long as it is within the specification.
- Lastly, Mr. Abangan inquired about the branding if the end-user is considering any brands that is 10 years or more in the market and the existing brand in the market. Mr. Tumlos said they did not consider it since identifying specific brand is not allowed in the procurement and the specifications came from the Central Office.
- Mr. Ginoy from Oxford Computer Solutions requested clarification regarding the processor type, as it was not specified. He also pointed out that the memory mentioned is a SODIMM, which is typically used in laptops, whereas a UDIMM would be required for a desktop computer. Additionally, he mentioned that the USB Type-C port is another key indicator that distinguishes between laptop and desktop systems. He also requested that if ever there will be a supplemental bid bulletin the committee can clarify the specifications to the supplier. Mr. Tumlos responded that he would clarify the memory specification with the Central Office but noted that the USB Type-C port is required for the desktop. He will also ask the Central Office to clarify the processor specifications.
- Mr. Ginoy also inquired about the operating system particularly the pre-installed operating system. They wanted to be clarified if it is license or OEM. Mr. Tumlos said that it is a license Windows 11 Pro.
- Lastly, Mr. Ginoy wanted to suggest regarding the after sales if the committee can add next business day on site technical support. Mr. Jaro said that the committee will consider that during the meeting with the Technical Working Group and End-User.
- Ms. Hisuan added that in page 27 of the Bid Documents the BAC have an additional provision "Supplier must have an office/accredited service center within Western Visayas" that answer the suggestion of the supplier.
- Ms. Denauto from Macrologic Diversified Technologies Inc. wanted to be clarified on the specification of the UPS, specifically "of at least with connection of 2x universal standard sockets (6A)" Ms. Denauto is asking if the (6A) is 6 amperes or 6 sockets. Mr. Tumlos said it is in the label of the UPS.
- Ms. Denauto followed up her question if 4 sockets will do. Mr. Tumlos said that 4 sockets will do.
- Mr. Ginoy of Oxord Computer Solutions wants to be clarified regarding branded if it is OEM or it is branded category like Asus, Lenovo and Dell. Mr. Tumlos said it's in branded category.
- Lastly, Mr. Ginoy asked if the supplier needs some supporting documents like the brand is existing for 20 years in the global market to prove that it is durable brand. Mr. Jaro said that any brand is acceptable and the technical working group will conduct post-qualification if offer is within the specification.
- Mr. Colorado from Xitrix Computer Corp. inquired about the RAM that is SODIMM, he said if it is possible to omit the word SODIMM to avoid confusion on the part of the bidders. Mr. Jaro replied that after the meeting the committee

will review all the questions of the supplier and will issue a Supplemental Bid Bulletin.

- Mr. Colorado also inquired about Memory of DDR5 if the end-user can consider their offer of 4800Mhz. Mr. Tumlos said they will ask the Central Office if it is accepted and will be added in the supplemental bid bulletin.
- Mr. Colorado also inquired about on-board Internal speaker if the end-user can consider internal speaker or BIOS internal speaker. Mr. Tumlos said as he mentioned earlier the internal speaker is not intended for music and more on trouble shooting purposes and as long it has an internal speaker it is acceptable.
- Mr. Colorado wanted to be clarified about the UPS in "at least with connection of 2x universal standard sockets (6A)" if the end-user can consider their offer is 4x NEMA socket (standard flat) and they will provide 2 universal adaptors. Mr. Tumlos said that if they serve their purpose and within the specification it is acceptable.
- Lastly, Mr. Colorado commented on the suggestion of other bidders regarding branding. He mentioned that the globally known brand is an option, and the committee concurred that there is no brand requirement if the product meets all the specifications. However, he also stated that if the committee were to include a globally known brand requirement in the specifications, it would violate the rules in RA 9184. He further emphasized that if all specifications are met, the committee will consider the product of the supplier to be acceptable.
- Mr. Ginoy of Oxford Computer Solutions also commented on the suggestion made by Mr. Colorado regarding branding. He emphasized that, to be labeled as a branded supplier the supplier need to have a factory to be labeled as one and they have legal documents to prove that. He also added that you cannot claim that the supplier is branded for the reason that OEM is different from branded. He also offered to provide references to verify the information for the end-user. Mr. Jaro stated that the Technical Working group and the ICT team will post-qualify the bidders offer.
- Mr. Colorado of Xitrix Computer Corp. requested clarification regarding the warranty, specifically asking about the duration of the warranty for the UPS. He noted that the UPS has a 1-year warranty, while some brands offer a 2-year warranty. Mr. Tumlos said he will consult with the Technical Working Group and will add the clarification to the supplemental bid bulletin.
- Ms. Camacho of Maxcor Inter-Ventures wanted to confirm the place of delivery if it is one drop off point and if the BAC required 3 copies of Technical Eligibility and Financial documents and asked if the sealing is 2 envelope system that have 3 copies of Financial and Technical documents. Mr. Jaro confirmed the queries of the supplier.
- Ms. Camacho also wanted to confirm if there are required certification. Mr. Jaro said that the TWG and End-User will have a meeting so maybe there will be an additional requirement. He instructed the supplier to check for the PhilGEPS website to check for updates.
- Ms. Camacho also inquired about the payment of the bidding documents if it can also be done online and not onsite only. Mr. Jaro said the BAC will provide the account number of the trust fund for deposit of payments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Colorado from Xitrix Computer Corp. inquired about the bidding amount and if there's a need to attach supporting documents for all ongoing contracts. Mr. Jaro said that the bidding fee is P25,000.00 pesos and the supporting documents for all ongoing contracts should be attached as part of the technical documents during bid opening.• Mr. Colorado asked regarding the posting of the Supplemental Bid Bulletin. Mr. Jaro replied that it will be posted within 5 working days.• Mr. Jaro asked for further suggestions, clarifications, and questions. None of the participants present onsite and online raised a concern.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM. The motion for adjournment was raised by Ms. Dorilag and seconded by Ms. Bagoning.
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