

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
as of 25 May 2020

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

Query	Queries	Answers
1	<p><u>Eligibility Data Sheet, Volume 1, PBD [2]</u></p> <p>Are the bidders who are to participate in the bidding for the System Integrator required to register with PhilGEPS?</p> <p>In lieu of the PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership, the following may be submitted pursuant to the Bayanihan Act and GPPB Resolution No. 06-2020:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Mayor's or Business Permit (2) Income Tax Returns (Annual Income Tax Return of the preceding tax year) or Business Tax Returns (Value Added Tax or Percentage Tax Return covering the previous six months). <p>If a bidder is not registered with PhilGEPS, items 1 and 2 will suffice?</p>	<p>Yes, they are required.</p> <p>However, pursuant to GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020 dated 07 May 2020, the Procuring Entity is allowed to accept alternate documentary requirements for procurement activities during a State of Calamity.</p> <p>Yes, in lieu of PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration, the enumerated Class "A" Documents listed below are acceptable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Mayor's or Business Permit; and (2) Income Tax Returns (Annual Income Tax Return of the preceding tax year) or Business Tax Returns (Value Added Tax or Percentage Tax Return covering the previous six months). <p>The Bidder shall be allowed to submit the recently expired Mayor's or Business Permit and the Official Receipt as proof of application and payment for the renewal of the permit, subject to submission of the valid and current Mayor's</p>

		Permit after the award of contract but before payment.
	(2) Income Tax Returns (Annual Income Tax Return of the preceding tax year) or Business Tax Returns (Value Added Tax or Percentage Tax Return covering the previous six months).	The Bidder may submit its Y2018 Income Tax Returns or Y2019, if available. The Y2019 Income Tax Return shall be submitted after the award of contract but before payment.
2	Whether a printout of an electronic document with a digital signature will be accepted/considered by the BAC as an original of the document for purposes of this bidding?	Yes. An electronic document shall be regarded as the equivalent of an original document under the Best Evidence Rule if it is a printout or output readable by sight or other means, shown to reflect the data accurately. ¹
3	For foreign bidders, the equivalent document in their jurisdiction shall suffice consistent with Section 23.2 of the 2016 IRR of RA No. 9184.	Original documents or documents containing proper formalities, such as notarization (when applicable), shall be submitted after award of contract but before payment.
4	<p>Under Form B on Statement of Ongoing and Awarded but Not Yet Started Contract, letter (d) provides that "Other documents may be submitted as evidence of satisfactory completion include testimonials or references duly signed by the client or their representative."</p> <p>Is letter "d" required since the form is for Ongoing Contracts?</p> <p>Does PSA require attachment/s as proof of the Ongoing Contracts?</p>	<p>No, letter "d" is no longer required as the same pertains to a completed contract under Form A.</p> <p>No, the PSA does not require attachment/s as proof of ongoing contracts. What is required is a statement only including the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Name and location of the contract/project; (2) Date of award of the contract; (3) Type and brief description of the consulting service; (4) Consultant's role (whether main

¹ Section 1 of Rule 4 on Rules on Electronic Evidence, A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC dated 17 July 2001

		<p>consultant, subconsultant, or JV partner)</p> <p>(5) Amount of contract</p> <p>(6) Contract duration</p>
5	<p>In relation to Section 2.1(a)(iii) on Statement of the consultant specifying its nationality and confirming that those who will actually perform are registered professionals by the appropriate regulatory body, including their respective curriculum vitae.</p> <p>Can you identify the acceptable regulatory body allowed to authorized/certify the Consultants?</p> <p>Please clarify if resources/experts from Foreign National allowed or not? Based on this clause it seems the Gov't is looking for only Philippine National CVs.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 1.2 on Eligibility Criteria.</p> <p>Foreign nationals are allowed. Please refer to the Q&A EOI Conference, Query Nos .4, 16, 46 and 80.</p>
6	<p>Please provide required format, etc. for submission via e-mail.</p>	<p>All files should be in digitally signed PDF format by the authorized representative.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2, Section III re: amendment to EDS 5</p>
7	<p>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?</p>	<p>No. Please refer to Q&A EOI Conference Query No. 30</p>
8	<p>Page 19 on Eligibility Documents Submission Form</p> <p>For JV/Consortium, will this be required on the Prime bidder only?</p>	<p>Only one EDS Form will be submitted by a JV.</p>
9	<p>Do we have to include the contracts that started 8 or 10 years ago but are still ongoing?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>as indicated in the EDS, "The statement of all ongoing and 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."</p>
10	<p>Can we include in the list contract/s that were completed within 7 years but started 8 or 10 years ago.</p>	<p>Yes. Same as above.</p>

11	Please clarify the meaning of subconsultants. There is a confusion between Subcontractor and Sub Consultants, kindly clarify.	Subcontracting is not allowed. Please refer to Q&A EOI Conference No. 55. As defined in Section IV. General Conditions of Contract, "Sub consultant" means any person or entity to whom/ which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services in accordance with the provisions of GCC Clause 50. ²
12	Please confirm if we need to pay this with EOI submission or with stage 2 submission of bids?	Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. Item No. 2
13	Please confirm the mode of payment, can we transfer this using bank to bank transfer?	This will be addressed during the Pre-Bid Conference
14	Page 10, 2.1 (b) on JVA We could not locate the reference made against 24.1(b) in the given IRR document RA 9184. Here is the link of the document which is available on the internet. Please provide the document which was referred here. https://www.gppb.gov.ph/laws/laws/RevisedIRR.RA9184.pdf	There is no prescribed form for the JVA or the duly notarized statement. Please refer to Q&A EOI Conference Question No. 62 and 82.
15	Due to the lockdown situation, getting JV executed or "Statement of Intent" and sending Original physical copy to Philippine might not be feasible. Kindly confirm if we can submit a softcopy of signed documents for submission.	Yes. Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2, Section III re: amendment to EDS 5
16	Criteria for Shortlisting, Experience of the Firm Please confirm if projects which were executed before 7 years and were operations for more that 2 years are considered for experience criteria or not?	The basis for evaluating this criteria is the information from the Statement of Completed Contracts and other supporting documents. If the project was stated and qualified under such category, then the same will be considered under this criteria.
17	Please clarify how the 50% of the ABC amount would be cumulative calculated by an example.	By cumulative, this means that the sum of the contract would be at least 50% of the ABC.
18	The EOI was published on Friday, there is a lot of information needed to be populated such as CV, Contract Details as per given format including legal documentation. We humbly request you to please extend the EOI submission date by minimum of 2 weeks at least.	The new schedule of the deadline for the submission of eligibility documents is on 01 June 2020, 13:30 (GMT+8) Please refer to BB No. 1 & 2.

19	Please confirm by which date EOI shortlisting will be completed.	The entire process of eligibility check and short listing must not exceed twenty (20) calendar days after opening the eligibility envelopes. ²
20	Please confirm if ABC amount is (P2,700,000,000.00) and not (P2,700,000.000.00).	The ABC is Two Billion Seven Hundred Million Pesos (P2,700,000,000.00).
21	As per clause it says taxes, charges, professional fees, incidental and administrative costs etc. Please clarify if Custom Duty and Withholding Taxes are part of this ABC or these are exempted due to Gov't Contract.	Please refer to No.1 of REI "xxx inclusive of all applicable government taxes and charges, professional fees, and other incidental and administrative costs, xxx"
22	Queries pertaining to Technical Specifications	These questions will be addressed during the Pre-Bid Conference.

² Section 24.5.4 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184