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Quezon City

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

***Provision for the 2021 South Lounge Food Concession,
including Supplies, Equipment, and Services***

Bid Bulletin No. 4
22 February 2021

Pursuant to Section 22.5 of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. (RA) 9184, this Bid Bulletin is being issued to amend and/or clarify the following provisions/portions of the Bidding Documents relative to the above-mentioned project.

I. AMENDMENTS

The following provisions/portions of the Biddings Documents are hereby amended,¹ as follows:

A. Invitation to Bid

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<p>7. Submission of Eligibility, Technical and Financial Documents must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through manual submission at the Lobby of the South Wing Annex (SWA) Bldg., House of Representatives, Batasan Pambansa Complex, IBP Road, Batasan, Quezon City on or before 24 February 2021 (Wednesday), at 10:00 a.m. Late bids shall not be accepted.</p> <p>Considering the strict security protocols being implemented by the House of Representatives, submission of bids shall be done in the drop-off area at the South Wing Annex Bldg. of the HRep Complex. Submission and receipt of bids shall be open from 8:00AM to 5:00PM from Mondays to Thursdays until the deadline of submission of bids specified in the ITB and Bidding Documents.</p> <p>For this purpose, the time of receipt of bids shall be the time the Bids and Awards</p>	<p>7. Submission of Eligibility, Technical and Financial Documents must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through manual submission at the Lobby of the South Wing Annex (SWA) Bldg., House of Representatives, Batasan Pambansa Complex, IBP Road, Batasan, Quezon City on or before <u>04 March 2021 (Thursday)</u>, at 10:00 a.m. Late bids shall not be accepted.</p> <p>Considering the strict security protocols being implemented by the House of Representatives, submission of bids shall be done in the drop-off area at the South Wing Annex Bldg. of the HRep Complex. Submission and receipt of bids shall be open from 8:00AM to 5:00PM from Mondays to Thursdays until the deadline of submission of bids specified in the ITB and Bidding Documents.</p> <p>For this purpose, the time of receipt of bids shall be the time the Bids and Awards</p>

¹ Amendments are in boldface and underlined.

<p>Committee Secretariat is informed by the security personnel of the arrival of the bidder's authorized representative at the North or South Gate. Moreover, the bidder's authorized representative shall also inform the BAC Secretary through text of their arrival.</p> <p>After such notice, the BAC Secretariat personnel shall go to the drop-off area at the South Wing Annex Bldg. to receive the bids from the bidder's authorized representative. The bidder's authorized representative may witness the bid being dropped in the bid box to be stationed in the South Wing Annex Bldg. Lobby.</p>	<p>Committee Secretariat is informed by the security personnel of the arrival of the bidder's authorized representative at the North or South Gate. Moreover, the bidder's authorized representative shall also inform the BAC Secretary through text of their arrival.</p> <p>After such notice, the BAC Secretariat personnel shall go to the drop-off area at the South Wing Annex Bldg. to receive the bids from the bidder's authorized representative. The bidder's authorized representative may witness the bid being dropped in the bid box to be stationed in the South Wing Annex Bldg. Lobby.</p>
<p>9. Opening of the 1st Envelope (Eligibility and Technical Documents) shall be on 24 February 2021 (Wednesday), at 10:30 a.m. at the given address below and via Zoom. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend the activity.</p> <p>Food Tasting/Demonstration will be held on 1, 2 and 3 March 2021 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Time and Place of Food Tasting/Demonstration will be announced after the opening of the 1st Envelope. Bidders who qualified the Food Tasting/ Demonstration will be notified to proceed to the next stage.</p> <p>Opening of the 2nd Envelope (Financial Documents) shall be on 4 March 2021 (Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. at the given address below and via Zoom.</p>	<p>10. Opening of the 1st Envelope (Eligibility and Technical Documents) shall be on <u>04 March 2021 (Thursday)</u>, at 10:30 a.m. at the given address below and via Zoom. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend the activity.</p> <p><i>Food Tasting/Demonstration will be held on <u>8, 9 and 10 March 2021 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)</u>. Time and Place of Food Tasting/Demonstration will be announced after the opening of the 1st Envelope. Bidders who qualified the Food Tasting/ Demonstration will be notified to proceed to the next stage.</i></p> <p><i>Opening of the 2nd Envelope (Financial Documents) shall be on <u>11 March 2021 (Thursday) at 10:00 a.m.</u> at the given address below and via Zoom.</i></p>

II. RESPONSE TO WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

From OINI CUISINE sent thru email on 16 February 2021

Query

However, may seek further clarification, specifically on the matter of the Philgeps Platinum Membership.

As clearly indicated in the Checklist of Technical and Financial Document (p. 38, Bidding Documents) Legal Documents shall comprise of a Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership) **or** DTI and Business Permit and Tax Clearance. Likewise GPPB Circular No. 07-2017 provides that:

"4.1.1 For all procurement projects advertised and/or posted after the effectivity of this Circular, bidders may still submit their Class "A" Eligibility Documents required to be uploaded and maintained current and updated in the PhilGEPS pursuant to Section 8.5.2 of the same IRR, or if already registered in the PhilGEPS under Platinum category, their Certificate of Registration and Membership in lieu of their uploaded file of Class "A" Documents, or a combination thereof. In case the bidder opted to submit their Class "A" Documents, the Certificate of PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership) shall remain as a post-qualification requirement to be submitted in accordance with Section 34.2 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184;"

Based on the foregoing, it would appear that a Certificate of Platinum Membership is an alternative to Class "A" Documents. This is even more apparent in the last sentence that seems to allow the prospective bidder the choice to submit Class "A" documents instead and where the Platinum Membership is a post-qualification requirement.

Therefore our question is whether or not Platinum Membership is a pre-qualification requirement and whether or not the Certificate of Registration be submitted together with the Class "A" documents (DTI/SEC Certificate, Business Permit and Tax Clearance) or can the same be submitted after but during the duration of the contract (inasmuch as it is a post-qualification requirement).

Response

If the bidder opts to submit its Class "A" Documents (i.e., Registration Certificate, Mayor's/Business Permit, Tax Clearance and Audited Financial Statements) in lieu of the PhilGEPS Registration Certification (Platinum), then the latter is not a pre-qualification requirement.

As part of Technical Envelope, the bidder shall submit

- (a) Valid PhilGEPS Registration Certificate (Platinum Membership) (all pages); **or**
- (b) Class "A" Eligibility Documents (Registration Certificate, Mayor's/Business Permit, Tax Clearance and Audited Financial Statements) in lieu of the PhilGEPS Registration Certificate (Platinum Membership); **or**
- (c) combination thereof, in the event that some Class "A" documents earlier submitted with PhilGEPS already expired, but a renewal thereof had already been secured.

In case the bidder submits only its Class "A" Documents, the PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Membership) shall still be submitted as part of the post-qualification documents. Post-qualification documents shall be submitted to the BAC within five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that the bidder has the Single/Lowest Calculated Bid, not during the duration of the contract.

Amendments and clarifications made in this Bid Bulletin shall be considered integral parts of the Bidding Documents. All other related provisions of the Bidding Documents that are affected by the amendments and/or clarifications in this Bid Bulletin are deemed amended accordingly.

For guidance and information of all concerned.



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