

INVITATION TO BID

Procurement of Firewall/ Unified Threat Management Appliance

The Department of Foreign Affairs, through the authorized appropriations under the General Appropriations Act,¹ Intends to apply the sum of *Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP 13,500,000.00)* only, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the “*Procurement of Firewall/Unified Threat Management Appliance*”. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs now invites bids for the “*Procurement of Firewall/Unified Threat Management Appliance*”,²described as follows:

Lot No.	Project Specification	Approved Budget for the Contract (PhP)	Non-refundable Bid Fee (PhP)
1	<i>Procurement of Firewall/ Unified Threat Management Appliance</i>	PhP 13,500,000.00	PhP 10,000.00

Bidders should have completed, within the past five (5) 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.

2. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”.
Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the DFA-BAC Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below, during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on *13 July 2017*, from the DFA-BAC Secretariat Office upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount specified in item 2 at the DFA Cashier. It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and from the DFA website, provided that bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

¹*In the case of National Government Agencies, the General Appropriations Act and/or continuing appropriations; in the case of GOCCs, GFIs, and SUCs, the Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing Boards; in the case of LGUs, the Budget for the contract approved by the respective Sanggunian (Section 5(a), R.A. 9184).*

² A brief description of the type(s) of Goods should be provided, including quantities, location of project, and other information necessary to enable potential bidders to decide whether or not to respond to the invitation.

5. The DFA-BAC has scheduled the following activities for the said Project:

Pre-bid	Deadline for Submission and Receipt of Bids	Bid Opening
31 July 2017, Monday, 2:30 p.m.	14 August 2017, Monday, 12:00 n.n.	14 August 2017, Monday, 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Conference Room, 12th Floor, DFA Main Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City		

The DFA-BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on the above-stated date, which shall be open to all interested bidders.

6. Bids must be delivered to and received by a designated member(s) of the BAC Secretariat at the BAC Secretariat Room, 12th floor, DFA Main Building, on or before 14 August 2017, 12:00 n.n. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms in the amount stated in Section 27.2 of the IRR of RA No. 9184.

Bid Opening shall be on 14 August 2017, 2:30 p.m. at the BAC Conference Room, 12th Floor, DFA Main Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

To facilitate the Bid Opening, bidders are requested to submit the documentary requirements of their Technical Component in the order indicated in **Annex "A"**. Bids should be prepared in accordance with this Invitation to Bid, as well as the Instructions to Bidders (Section II) and the Bid Data Sheet (Section III) of the Bidding Documents.

7. The DFA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

8. For further information, please refer to:

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Department of Foreign Affairs
12th Floor, DFA Main Building,
2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City 1300
Tel. No. 834-4067; Fax no. 831-9584
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(Sgd.)
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BAC Chairperson

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