



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

BAC Resolution No. OCA-181-22

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING, BY REFERENDUM, AWARD OF CONTRACT THROUGH NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 53.5 (AGENCY-TO-AGENCY) AS ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PROCUREMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 296,296 MACHINE READABLE VISA (MRV) STICKERS FOR THE USE OF FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS (FSPs)

WHEREAS, the Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) intends to procure 296,296 Machine Readable Visa (MRV) stickers for the use of Foreign Service Posts (FSPs);

WHEREAS, the procurement of 296,296 Machine Readable Visa (MRV) stickers for the use of Foreign Service Posts (FSPs), with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in the total amount of Thirty – Two Million Pesos (PhP 32,000,000.00) only, is included in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan (APP) for FY 2022;

WHEREAS, Section 53.5 of the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003", allows negotiated procurement as a method of procurement from another agency of the Government;

WHEREAS, Annex H(V)(5)(a) of the IRR states that Agency-to-Agency Agreements shall be governed by the IRR, unless otherwise provided by a special law, such as in the case of Printing Services from Recognized Government Printers and Procurement of Common-use Supplies and Equipment from the DBM-PS;

WHEREAS, Appendix 20(1.2) of the IRR states that the printing of Accountable Forms and Sensitive High Quality/Volume Requirements shall only be undertaken by the recognized government printers, namely: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), National Printing Office (NPO), and Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Production Unit, Inc.;

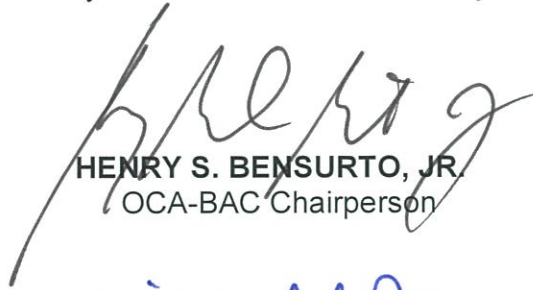
WHEREAS, pursuant to Appendix 20(4.4) of the IRR, a Requests for Quotation dated 27 October 2022 were sent to the BSP, NPO, and APO Production Unit, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the OCA submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) quotations received from the National Printing Office (*PhP 31,674,042.40*) and APO Production Unit, Inc. (*PhP 31,999,968.00*);

WHEREAS, upon inspection of the quotations received, APO Production Unit, Inc. can comply with the requirements stated in the Terms of Reference for the MRV and Online Visa Application System (OVAS), while NPO, will take six (6) months for the development and completion of the OVAS. Furthermore, OVAS has been launched globally and is being used by the FSPs, which is also being maintained by APO;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the Bids and Awards Committee of the Department, **RESOLVE** to **RECOMMEND** to the Head of the Procuring Entity (HOPE) to resort to Negotiated Procurement (Agency-to-Agency) as an alternative method of procurement for the procurement of 296,296 Machine Readable Visa (MRV) stickers for the use of Foreign Service Posts (FSPs) from the **Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Production Unit, Inc.** in the amount of *Thirty – One Million Nine Hundred Ninety – Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty – Eight Pesos* (PhP 31,999,968.00), subject to the abovementioned requirements, and provided that existing auditing rules and regulations shall be strictly observed by the end-user.

ADOPTED, this 5th day of December 2022 at Pasay City.



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