



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

BAC Resolution No. HO-017-23

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING, BY REFERENDUM, AWARD OF CONTRACT THROUGH NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 53.6 (SCIENTIFIC, SCHOLARLY OR ARTISTIC WORK, EXCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA SERVICES) AS ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PROCUREMENT FOR THE HIRING OF A FIRM FOR THE CONDUCT OF ONLINE WELLNESS AND REINTEGRATION WORKSHOP FOR RECALLED DFA PERSONNEL**

**WHEREAS**, Human Resources Management Office (“HRMO”) intends to hire a firm for the conduct of four (4) batches of online wellness and reintegration workshop for recalled DFA personnel beginning April 2023;

**WHEREAS**, HRMO’s procurement for the hiring of a firm for the conduct of online wellness and reintegration workshop, with an Approved Budget for the Contract (“ABC”) in the amount of *Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Pesos and Twenty Centavos* (PhP 398,899.20) only, chargeable against the HRMO’s 2023 MOOE for Training Expenses, is included in the Department’s Annual Procurement Plan (“APP”) for CY 2023;

**WHEREAS**, Section 53 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (“IRR”) of R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003, allows an agency to resort to Negotiated Procurement;

**WHEREAS**, further, Section 53.6 of the said Revised IRR can be resorted where Goods, Infrastructure Projects and Consulting Services can be contracted from a particular supplier, contractor or consultant as determined by the Head of the Procuring Entity (“HOPE”), for any of the following requirements: (b) Scientific, academic, scholarly work or research, or legal services, *inter alia*;

**WHEREAS**, Part IV, Item A, Annex “H” of the IRR allows the Procuring Entity to change the mode of procurement, if the original mode in the Annual Procurement Plan can no longer be pursued;

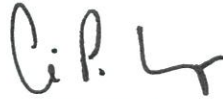
**WHEREAS**, after conducting a thorough market study, the end-user unit determined that the identified service provider could undertake the project at more advantageous terms;

**WHEREAS**, HRMO submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee (“BAC”) a quotation from the *Better Steps Psychology Inc.* for the conduct of online wellness and reintegration workshop, in the total amount of *Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Pesos and Twenty Centavos* (PhP 398,899.20) only;

**WHEREAS**, the Bids and Awards Committee (“BAC”), after taking into consideration all relevant factors, finds that the awarding of the procurement for the conduct of online wellness and reintegration workshop for recalled DFA personnel, may be done under Section 53.6 (b) of the 2016 revised IRR of R.A. 9184;

**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”) the resort to Negotiated Procurement under Section 53.6 as the alternative method of procurement to hire **Better Steps Psychology Inc.** for the conduct of online wellness and reintegration workshop for recalled DFA personnel, subject to the above-mentioned requirements and provided that existing auditing rules and regulations shall be strictly observed by the end-user.

**ADOPTED**, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 at Pasay City.



**CHARLIE P. MANANGAN**  
BAC Chairperson



**ZOILO A. VELASCO**  
BAC Vice-Chairperson



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**CHRISTOPHER B. MONTERO**  
Representative of the End-user

Approved:

By the Authority of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs:



**ANTONIO A. MORALES**  
Undersecretary and  
Head of the Procuring Entity





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NOTICE OF AWARD

24 March 2023

Sir/Madam:

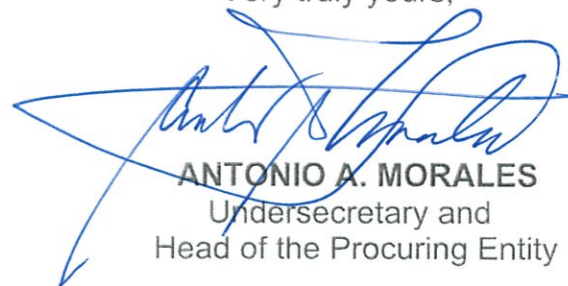
Please be informed that, upon the recommendation of the Bids and Awards Committee ("BAC") of the Department of Foreign Affairs ("DFA") as contained in its Resolution No. **HO-017-23**, the Department is awarding the contract on the following project/procurement to your firm, **Better Steps Psychology Inc.**:

Project Title	End-User Unit
PROCUREMENT FOR THE HIRING OF A FIRM FOR THE CONDUCT OF ONLINE WELLNESS AND REINTEGRATION WORKSHOP FOR RECALLED DFA PERSONNEL	HRMO

The contract has a total cost of *Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Pesos and Twenty Centavos* (PhP 398,899.20) only, including taxes and other lawful charges.

This award and the implementation of the project/procurement are subject to the signing of a contract and compliance with all applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,



**ANTONIO A. MORALES**  
Undersecretary and  
Head of the Procuring Entity

**Better Steps Psychology Inc.**

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