



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

**BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**BAC Resolution No. HO-241-23**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING, BY REFERENDUM, AWARD OF CONTRACT THROUGH NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 53.9 (SMALL VALUE PROCUREMENT) FOR PROCUREMENT OF PHOTO AND VIDEO EDITING SOFTWARE LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICIAL USE OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY (OPCD)**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Public and Cultural Diplomacy (“OPCD”) intends to procure a photo and video editing software license subscription for its official use;

**WHEREAS**, the current licenses being used by OPCD will expire in September 2023, thus the need to procure licenses compatible with OPCD’s existing fleet of software for the continuation of its projects and work plans which are dedicated to formulate, design and implement public diplomacy and cultural programs;

**WHEREAS**, the procurement of photo and video editing software license subscription for the official use of OPCD, as listed under Purchase Request No. 09-02723, with an Approved Budget for the Contract (“ABC”) of *Three Hundred Fifty – Five Thousand Pesos* (PhP 355,000.00) only, chargeable against OUMAIER-CDU’s FY 2023 MOOE for ICT Software Subscription, is included in the Department’s Annual Procurement Plan (“APP”) for FY 2023;

**WHEREAS**, Section 53.9 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 an agency to resort to Small Value Procurement as alternative method of procurement where the amount involved does not exceed the threshold amount of One Million Pesos (PhP 1,000,000.00) as prescribed in Annex “H” thereof;

**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**, pursuant to Item No. (V)(D)(8)(b)(iii) of Annex “H” of the 2016 revised IRR of RA 9184, a Request for Quotation (“RFQ”) was posted on the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (“PhilGEPS”) website for at least three (3) consecutive days, starting from 10 to 13 October 2023;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with Item No. (V)(D)(8)(b)(ii), Annex “H” of the IRR, RFQs were sent to at least three (3) potential suppliers/contractors, namely: DEGtek Information Technology Solutions, Ynzal Marketing Corporation, ePartners Solutions, and Challenge System Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, in response to the solicitation of offers, quotations were received from: Metos Offshore, Inc. (PhP 349,207.80); BayanPC Technologies, Inc. (PhP

346,500.00); DEGtek Information Technology Solutions (PhP 339,360.00) and **Challenge Systems, Inc.**, which submitted the lowest calculated and responsive quotation in the amount of *Two Hundred Ninety – Seven Thousand Pesos* (PhP 297,000.00) only;

**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”) resort to Negotiated Procurement under Section 53.9 (Small Value Procurement) as the alternative method of procurement for the procurement of photo and video editing software license subscription for the official use of OPCD to **Challenge Systems, Inc.**, subject to the abovementioned requirements, and provided that existing auditing rules and regulations shall be strictly observed by the end-user.

**ADOPTED**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, Pasay City.

  
**SULPICIO M. CONFIADO**  
BAC Chairperson

  
**ARVIC V. AREVALO**  
BAC Vice Chairperson

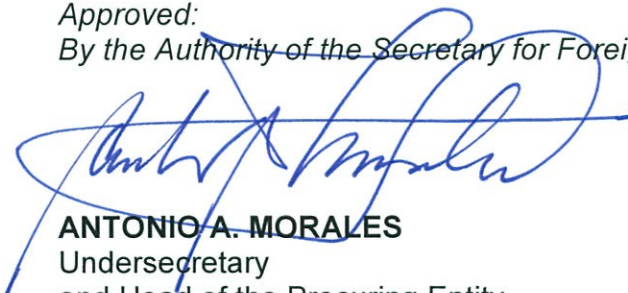
  
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BAC Member

  
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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**

**18 October 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-241-23**, the DFA is awarding the contract on the following project/procurement to your firm, **Challenge Systems, Inc.**:

Project Title	End-User Unit
<b>PROCUREMENT OF PHOTO AND VIDEO EDITING SOFTWARE LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICIAL USE OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY (OPCD)</b>	OPCD

The contract has a total cost of *Two Hundred Ninety – Seven Thousand Pesos* (PhP 297,000.00) only, inclusive of 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

**Challenge Systems, Inc.**

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