



INVITATION TO BID

PROCUREMENT OF NETWORK INTRUSION PREVENTION, NETWORK VISIBILITY AND SERVER SECURITY SOLUTIONS

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), through the authorized appropriations under the FY 2022 Continuing Appropriations and FY 2023 General Appropriations Act, intends to apply the sum of Six Million Pesos (Php 6,000,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Procurement of Network Intrusion Prevention, Network Visibility and Server Security Solutions. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The DFA now invites bids for the “Procurement of Network Intrusion Prevention, Network Visibility and Server Security Solutions”, the procurement is described as follows:

Lot No.	Project Specification	Approved Budget for the Contract (PhP)	Non-refundable Bid Fee (PhP)
1	Procurement of Network Intrusion Prevention, Network Visibility and Server Security Solutions	Php 6,000,000.00	PhP 10,000.00

3. Delivery of the Goods is stated on the Technical Specifications. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II (Instructions to Bidders).
4. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “*Pass/Fail*” criterion as specified in the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.

Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on 16 August 2023 from the Office of the BAC Secretariat and at <https://dfa.gov.ph/ongoing-projects>.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS). The bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

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

Pre-bid	Deadline for Submission and Receipt of Bids	Bid Opening	Post-Qualification
23 August 2023, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.	06 September 2023, Wednesday, 12:00 P.M.	06 September 2023, Wednesday, 2:00 P.M.	11 September 2023, Monday, 2:00 p.m.
Venue: Except for the submission and receipt of bids, all the procurement meetings for this project shall be done via video conference.			

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

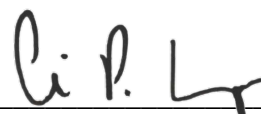
7. The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present their proof of payment for the bid fee through physical submission or email submissions.
8. Bids must be duly received physically by the BAC Secretariat through at the address below on or before 06 September 2023, Wednesday, 12:00 P.M. Late bids shall not be accepted.
9. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 14.
10. Bid opening shall be on 06 September 2023, Wednesday, 2:00 P.M., via *BAC Video Conferencing -- the link will be provided by the BAC Secretariat upon receipt of the proof of payment of bid fee.* Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who will attend the online video conference.
11. The Department of Foreign Affairs reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Sections 35.6 and 41 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
12. For further information, please refer to:

DFA-BAC Secretariat
 Department of Foreign Affairs
 12th Floor, DFA Main Building,
 2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City 1300
 Tel. No. 834-4060 or 834-4823;
 Email address: **bac.secretariat@dfa.gov.ph**

13. You may visit the following website:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: <https://dfa.gov.ph/ongoing-projects>.

15 August 2023
 Pasay City



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