BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

BAC Resolution No. HO-554-24

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING, BY REFERENDUM, AWARD OF CONTRACT THROUGH NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 53.5 (AGENCY-TO-AGENCY) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS' (OCA'S) MACHINE READABLE VISA (MRV) STICKERS

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

WHEREAS, the procurement of OCA's Machine Readable Visa ("MRV") stickers, with an Approved Budget for the Contract ("ABC") of *Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety – Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Pesos* (PhP 6,999,960.00) only, chargeable against OCA's FY 2024 MOOE - Accountable Forms Expenses, is included in the Department's Supplemental Annual Procurement Plan ("SAPP") for FY 2024:

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)(D)(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(1.0)(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, National Printing Office, and APO Production Unit, Inc.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Appendix 20(4.4) of the IRR, a Request for Quotation dated 04 November 2024 was sent to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, National Printing Office, and APO Production Unit, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the OCA submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee ("BAC") the following market study results: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (did not submit quotation), National Printing Office (PhP 6,240,000.00) and **APO Production Unit, Inc.** for the procurement of OCA's Machine Readable Visa ("MRV") stickers in the amount of *Five Million Six Hundred Thirty – Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Pesos* (PhP 5,638,360.00) only;

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NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Members of the Bids and Awards Committee of the Department, RESOLVE to RECOMMEND to the Head of the Procuring Entity to ("HoPE") resort to Negotiated Procurement under Section 53.5 (Agency-to-Agency) as the alternative method of procurement for the procurement of OCA's Machine Readable Visa ("MRV") stickers from *APO Production Unit, Inc.*, subject to the abovementioned requirements, and provided that existing auditing rules and regulations shall be strictly observed by the end-user.

ADOPTED, this 25th day of November 2024, Pasay City.

ARMAN R. TALBO BAC Vice Chairperson

JOSE CARLO G MORALES
Alternate BAC Vice Chairperson

MARX IAN A. RULLODA BAC Member

ANA ANGELA C. CABILLAN
Alternate BAC Member

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

NOTICE OF AWARD

25 November 2024

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-554-24**, the DFA is awarding the contract on the following project/procurement to **APO Production Unit, Inc.:**

Project Title	End-User Unit
PROCUREMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS' (OCA'S) MACHINE READABLE VISA (MRV) STICKERS	OCA

The contract has a total cost of *Five Million Six Hundred Thirty – Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Pesos* (PhP 5,638,360.00) 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

APO Production Unit, Inc.

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