



22 April 2022

**ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
BAC Resolution No. 22-04-052**

RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CONVERGE ICT SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF 10GBPS LOCAL TRANSPORT TO MK2 DATA CENTER AND 25MBPS LOCAL TRANSPORT TO UP CEBU FOR NINE (9) MONTHS (FROM 01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022)

Purchase Request No.	:	GAA-22-02-13281
Date of Purchase Request	:	28 February 2022
Invitation to Bid No.	:	22-03-3777
Solicitation No.	:	22-03-3777
PhilGEPS Reference No.	:	8535754
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	₱7,195,320.00

WHEREAS, included in the Supplemental Annual Procurement Plan (APP) No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2022 of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) is the **Supply, Delivery, and Installation of 10Gbps Local Transport to MK2 Data Center and 25Mbps Local Transport to UP Cebu for Nine (9) Months (from 01 April 2022 to 31 December 2022)**, which shall be undertaken via public bidding, with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **Seven Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Pesos Only (₱7,195,320.00)**;

WHEREAS, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) resorted to Competitive/Public Bidding pursuant to Section 10, Article IV of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 also known as the “The Government Procurement Reform Act”;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of RA No. 9184 mandates that no government procurement shall be undertaken unless it is in accordance with an approved APP consistent with the yearly budget and approved by the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE);

WHEREAS, given the exceptional circumstances brought about by the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, especially implementation of different community quarantines and suspension of public transport services, it is challenging to both the PEs and the bidders to continue with the conduct of procurement activities, thereby having risks of exceeding the maximum calendar days allowed for specific procurement activities. In view of this, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) issued GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020 dated 07 May 2020 titled, “Approving Measures for the Efficient Conduct of Procurement Activities during a State of Calamity, or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Similar Restrictions”;

WHEREAS, so as to “maximize the use of existing rules under RA No. 9184, its IRR and related issuances on the conduct of procurement activities, particularly those meant to streamline, simplify and expedite the conduct of procurement and address the challenges and disruptions brought by calamities and crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic”, the GPPB enjoin PEs in the above resolution to use videoconferencing, webcasting and other similar technologies in the conduct of any of the meetings and determination of quorum by the BAC, as well as the use of digital signatures in procurement related documents;

WHEREAS, on 11 March 2022, 10:00 AM, a Pre-procurement Conference was held online via Microsoft Teams Application with the BAC, BAC Secretariat, and end-user representatives in attendance, to determine the readiness of the procurement project;

WHEREAS, Article IV of RA No. 9184 stipulates that all procurement activities of government agencies shall be done through competitive bidding except as provided for in Article XVI thereof. In compliance therewith, the BAC posted the Invitation to Bid on the prescribed platforms;

WHEREAS, Letters of Invitation were sent to contact persons of the Commission on Audit, Philippine Institute for Supply Management and Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry to act as observers complying with the requirements provided under Section 13 of RA No. 9184 and its 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR);

WHEREAS, on 25 March 2022, a Pre-bidding Conference was conducted for the procurement at hand using Microsoft Teams Application with the BAC, BAC Secretariat, end-user representatives, and prospective bidders. Subsequently, four (4) bidders purchased bidding documents, namely, (1) PLDT Inc., (2) Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc., (3) Innove Communications, Inc., and (4) Converge ICT Solutions, Inc. and submitted bids before the deadline on 06 April 2022 at 10:00 AM;

WHEREAS, the technical component envelopes of PLDT, Inc., Eastern Telecom Philippines, Inc., Innove Communications, Inc., and Converge ICT Solutions, Inc., were opened and rendered eligible for submitting complete and accurate documents. Hence, the financial envelope of the four (4) bidders were opened containing its bid, as follows:

Item No.	Description	Qty.	Unit	PLDT, Inc.		Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.		Innove Communications, Inc.		Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	
				Unit Amount (P)	Total Amount (P)	Unit Amount (P)	Total Amount (P)	Unit Amount (P)	Total Amount (P)	Unit Amount (P)	Total Amount (P)
1	Local transport - MK2 Data Center 10Gbps from April 1 - December 31, 2022	9	Month	324,823.00	2,923,407.00	336,000.00	3,024,000.00	359,128.00	3,232,152.00	253,493.33	2,281,440.00
2	Local Transport - UP Cebu 25 Mbps from April 1 - December 31, 2022	9	Month	18,000.00	162,000.00	33,600.00	302,400.00	-	-	11,005.78	99,052.00
Total Bid Amount					₱3,085,407.00		₱3,326,400.00		₱3,232,152.00		₱2,380,492.00

WHEREAS, the BAC conducted a detailed evaluation of the financial component of the bids to establish the correct calculated prices of the bids and corrected the bid amount of Converge ICT Solutions, Inc., to wit:

Item No.	Bidder	Total Amount (P)
1	Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	2,281,439.97
2	Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	99,052.02

WHEREAS, Section 34.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 provides:

“If the BAC determines that the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid/Highest Rated Bid passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the LCRB or HRRB, and recommend to the HoPE the award of contract to the said bidder at its submitted bid price or its calculated bid price, whichever is lower or, in the case of quality-based evaluation procedure, submitted bid price or its negotiated price, whichever is lower.”

WHEREAS, the Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.’s offer, amounting to Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-One Pesos & 97/100 Only (₱2,380,491.97), inclusive of all applicable taxes and fees and well within the ABC, was determined by the BAC as the Lowest Calculated Bid subject to post-qualification evaluation;

WHEREAS, per the technical evaluation and financial evaluation report of the End-user representatives and the BAC, the bid of the Converge ICT Solutions, Inc., was deemed compliant with all the requirements and conditions specified in the Bidding Documents, hence making its bid as the **Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid**; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.1(h) of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 empowers the BAC to recommend the award of contract to the HoPE or his/her duly authorized representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, **WE**, the members of the BAC, hereby recommend to the Director to **AWARD THE CONTRACT** via Competitive Bidding to the **CONVERGE ICT SOLUTIONS, INC.** for the **SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF 10GBPS LOCAL TRANSPORT TO MK2 DATA CENTER AND 25MBPS LOCAL TRANSPORT TO UP CEBU FOR NINE (9) MONTHS**

(FROM 01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022) with a total contract price amounting to TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-ONE PESOS & 97/100 ONLY (₱2,380,491.97).

DONE in Quezon City this 22nd day of April 2022.

ALVIN E. RETAMAR
End-user

GIRLIE D. FERNANDEZ
BAC Member

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