



18 December 2023

ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
BAC Resolution No. 23-12-255

**DECLARATION OF THE BIDDER WITH THE SINGLE CALCULATED RESPONSIVE BID
AND RECOMMENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE OF ROOM SPACE IN DATA
CENTER FACILITY WITH SERVICES INCLUDING RACK CABINET RENTAL FOR THE DOST-
ASTI'S SECONDARY DATA CENTER (EARLY PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY)**

Purchase Request No. : **INNOVATE-23-10-17990**
Date of Purchase Request : **09 November 2023**
Invitation to Bid No. : **23-11-4632**
Solicitation No. : **23-11-4632**
PhilGEPS Reference No. : **10334362**
Approved Budget for the Contract : **₱8,649,153.96**

WHEREAS, the **Indicative Annual Procurement Plan (APP) Fiscal Year 2024** of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) includes a procurement project titled, **Lease of Room Space in Data Center Facility with Services including Rack Cabinet Rental for DOST-ASTI's Secondary Data Center**, to be procured through public bidding, with a total Approved Budget for the Contract amounting to **Eight Million Six Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Pesos 96/100 Only (₱8,649,153.96)**, inclusive of all government taxes and other fees and charges;

WHEREAS, said item is one of the Early Procurement Activities (EPAs) of DOST-ASTI. EPA is the conduct of procurement activities, from posting of the procurement opportunity, if required, until recommendation of the BAC to the Head of Procuring Entity (HoPE) as to the award of the contract, for goods to be delivered, infrastructure projects to be implemented and consulting services to be rendered in the following fiscal year, pending approval of the respective funding sources;

WHEREAS, Section 7.6 of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 states that "to facilitate the immediate implementation of procurement of Goods, Infrastructure Projects or Consulting Services, even pending approval of the General Appropriations Act (GAA), corporate budget or appropriations ordinance, as the case may be, and notwithstanding Section 7.2 hereof, the procuring entity (PE) may undertake the procurement activities short of award. xxx No award of contract shall be made until the GAA, corporate budget or appropriations ordinance, as the case may be, has been approved or enacted";

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article IV of RA No. 9184 provides that all procurement shall be done through Competitive Bidding, except as provided for in Article XVI thereof;

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) received **Purchase Request No. INNOVATE-23-10-17990** dated **09 November 2023**, together with a market study, for the procurement of the aforesaid item;

WHEREAS, on **16 November 2023, 09:30 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, on **17 November 2023**, the Invitation to Bid and the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) for subject procurement were published on the websites of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System and DOST-ASTI, as well as in the latter's conspicuous place reserved for the purpose, consistent with Section 21, Rule VII of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184;

WHEREAS, on **24 November 2023, 9:00 AM**, a **Pre-bidding Conference** for said procurement was conducted by the DOST-ASTI BAC through videoconferencing via MS Teams, which was opened to prospective bidders, in compliance with Section 22.1, Rule VII of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184;

WHEREAS, as a result of the discussion and clarifications made during the Pre-bidding Conference, the DOST-ASTI BAC issued **Supplemental Bid Bulletin No. BAC-2023-11-021** on **29 November 2023**, answering the queries of the prospective bidders from Section III. Bid Data Sheet and Section VII. Technical Specifications;

WHEREAS, only one (1) prospective bidder purchased and submitted PBDs prior to the deadline of submission on **06 December 2023, 09:00 AM**, particularly **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.**;

WHEREAS, during the scheduled **Opening of Bids** for subject procurement on **06 December 2023, 09:30 AM**, the DOST-ASTI BAC opened the bid of **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** in public and in the presence of the bidder's representative to determine the bidder's compliance with the eligibility, technical, and financial requirements specified in the PBD. Said Opening of Bids was conducted by the DOST-ASTI BAC through a blended meeting arrangement;

WHEREAS, during the preliminary examination of bids, the DOST-ASTI BAC examined the submitted documents of the sole bidder versus a checklist to ascertain if the required documents were all submitted, using a non-discretionary "pass or fail" criterion;

WHEREAS, during the Opening of Bids, **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** was declared "**eligible**" for having submitted complete eligibility and technical requirements. Consequently, its financial envelope was opened which revealed its bid amounting to **Eight Million Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Pesos Only (₱8,638,888.00)**, inclusive of all government taxes and other fees and charges;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** having passed the requirements, was subjected to detailed bid evaluation pursuant to Section 32 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 and was found to be complete and substantially complying, and was ranked as follows:

NAME OF BIDDER	Bid Price as Read	Bid Price as Calculated	RANKING
Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	₱8,638,888.00	₱8,638,887.96	Single Calculated Bid

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, after verification, validation, and ascertainment of all statements made and documents submitted by **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** the DOST-ASTI BAC determined that the submission of said bidder passed all the criteria for post-qualification.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, the members of the DOST-ASTI BAC hereby resolve the following:

- (1)** To declare the bid of **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.**, for the procurement project titled, **Lease of Room Space in Data Center Facility with Services including Rack Cabinet Rental for DOST-ASTI's Secondary Data Center (Early Procurement Activity)** as the **Single Calculated Responsive Bid**, with a total contract price amounting to **Eight Million Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven Pesos 96/100 Only (₱8,638,887.96)**;
- (2)** To recommend to the **DOST-ASTI Director**, as the HoPE, that the contract be awarded to **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** in the above-mentioned amount, in accordance with Section 37.1.1 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 once the GAA for 2024 is approved and the indicative APP for 2024 is revised and finalized to become the actual 2024 APP of the DOST-ASTI; and
- (3)** To notify all other bidders, in writing, of the DOST-ASTI BAC's recommendation within three (3) calendar days from the issuance of the resolution recommending the award of the contract, pursuant to Section 37.1.1 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

RESOLVED, at the DOST-ASTI, Quezon City, this 18th day of December 2023.

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