



30 July 2024

ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
BAC Resolution No.: 24-07-146

RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FOREFRONT BOOK CO., INC.
FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS TECHNICAL BOOKS

Purchase Request No.	:	ALAM-24-06-19524
Date of Purchase Request	:	25 June 2024
Request for Quotation No.	:	24-07-4904
Solicitation No.	:	24-07-4904
PhilGEPS Reference No.	:	11036005
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	₱100,576.80

WHEREAS, the Computer Software Division submitted to the DOST-ASTI Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) **Purchase Request No. ALAM-24-06-19524** for the **Supply and Delivery of Various Technical Books** which was included in the **DOST-ASTI Annual Procurement Plan No. 12 for Fiscal Year 2024**. The procurement opportunity is broken down into the following items:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE (₱)	TOTAL PRICE (₱)
1	Feature Store for Machine Learning: Curate, Discover, Share and Serve ML Features at Scale	1	Piece	5,214.55	5,214.55
2	Understanding Deep Learning	1	Piece	4,905.00	4,905.00
3	Hands-on Quantum Machine Learning with Python: Volume 1: Get Started	1	Piece	8,995.80	8,995.80
4	Hands-on Quantum Machine Learning with Python: Volume 2: Combinatorial Optimization	1	Piece	8,995.80	8,995.80
5	Federated Machine Learning with Python: Design and implement a federated learning system and develop applications using existing frameworks	1	Piece	5,800.00	5,800.00
6	Hands-on Graph Neural Networks Using Python: Practical techniques and architectures for building powerful graph and deep learning apps in PyTorch	1	Piece	6,681.95	6,681.95
7	Causal Inference and Discovery in Python: Unlock the secrets of modern causal machine learning with DoWhy, EconML, PyTorch and more	1	Piece	6,605.00	6,605.00
8	Applied Machine Learning Explainability Techniques: Make ML models explainable and trustworthy for practical applications using LIME, SHAP, and more	1	Piece	5,800.00	5,800.00
9	Machine Learning Theory and Applications: Hands-on Use Cases with Python and Quantum Machines	1	Piece	9,177.30	9,177.30
10	Machine Learning Model Serving Patterns and Best Practices	1	Piece	5,275.00	5,275.00
11	Mastering Blockchain: Inner workings of	1	Piece	6,049.45	6,049.45

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12	Blockchain and the Supply Chain: Concepts, Strategies and Practical Applications Edition: 2	1	Piece	6,312.90	6,312.90
13	Blockchain and Web3: Building the Cryptocurrency, Privacy, and Security Foundations of the Metaverse	1	Piece	3,576.65	3,576.65
14	Blockchain Revolution: How the Technology Behind Bitcoin Is Changing Money, Business, and the World	1	Piece	2,960.00	2,960.00
15	Enterprise Strategy for Blockchain: Lessons in Disruption from Fintech, Supply Chains, and Consumer Industries (Management on the Cutting Edge)	1	Piece	3,719.65	3,719.65
16	Formal Methods in Computer Science, 1st Edition	1	Piece	10,507.75	10,507.75
TOTAL ABC (P)					100,576.80

WHEREAS, with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six Pesos and 80/100 Only (P100,576.80)**, the mode of procurement is pursuant to Section 53.9 (Small Value Procurement) of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184;

WHEREAS, on **11 July 2024**, the DOST-ASTI BAC, through its Secretariat, published the Request for Quotation (RFQ) and sent RFQs to three (3) suppliers of known qualifications, viz: (1) Forefront Book Co., Inc.; (2) Ace Electronic Technology, Inc./ Alexan Book; and (3) C&E Adaptive Learning Solutions;

WHEREAS, before the lapse of the deadline for submission of quotations on **15 July 2024, 2:00 PM**, only one (1) bidder submitted a quotation, particularly: **(1) Forefront Book Co., Inc.**;

WHEREAS, upon careful review and evaluation of the DOST-ASTI BAC on the legal requirements submitted by **Forefront Book Co., Inc.** it was evidenced that said prospective bidder complied with the eligibility requirements. Likewise, the DOST-ASTI BAC determined that the financial proposal submitted by **Forefront Book Co., Inc.** in the amount of **Eighty-Five Thousand Fifty-Three Pesos Only (P85,053.00)** inclusive of all government taxes and fees, is within the ABC and, thus, compliant with the financial requirement;

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the compliance with the technical requirements of the procurement project was done by the end-user unit, which found the offer of **Forefront Book Co., Inc.** compliant with the technical requirements;

WHEREAS, **Forefront Book Co., Inc.** was determined to be the bidder with **Single Calculated Responsive Quotation**; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of RA No. 9184 provides that the BAC shall, among other matters, recommend the award of contracts to the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE) or his/her duly authorized representative.

WHEREFORE, the **DOST-ASTI BAC RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend to the **DOST-ASTI HoPE**, for his approval, the following:

- 1) To award the contract for the **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS TECHNICAL BOOKS** through **NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 53.9 (SMALL VALUE PROCUREMENT)**, to **FOREFRONT BOOK CO., INC.** with a total bid amount of **EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIFTY-THREE PESOS ONLY (P85,053.00)** inclusive of all government taxes and fees; and

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3	Hands-on Quantum Machine Learning with Python: Volume 1: Get Started	1	Piece	8,412.00	8,412.00
4	Hands-on Quantum Machine Learning with Python: Volume 2: Combinatorial Optimization	1	Piece	8,412.00	8,412.00
5	Federated Machine Learning with Python: Design and implement a federated learning system and develop applications using existing frameworks	1	Piece	5,335.00	5,335.00
6	Hands-on Graph Neural Networks Using Python: Practical techniques and architectures for building powerful graph and deep learning apps in PyTorch	1	Piece	6,500.00	6,500.00
7	Causal Inference and Discovery in Python: Unlock the secrets of modern causal machine learning with DoWhy, EconML, PyTorch and more	1	Piece	6,300.00	6,300.00
8	Applied Machine Learning Explainability Techniques: Make ML models explainable and trustworthy for practical applications using LIME, SHAP, and more	1	Piece	5,400.00	5,400.00
9	Machine Learning Theory and Applications: Hands-on Use Cases with Python and Quantum Machines	1	Piece	7,854.00	7,854.00
10	Machine Learning Model Serving Patterns and Best Practices	1	Piece	4,800.00	4,800.00
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TOTAL BID AMOUNT (₱)					85,053.00

2) To declare a failure of procurement for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Piece Understanding Deep Learning due to no bids received.

Done in Quezon City, Philippines, this 30th day of July 2024.

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