



11 December 2024

ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
BAC Resolution No.: 24-12-295-EPA

RECOMMENDING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) – ADVANCED SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (ASTI) AND CONVERGE ICT SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY,
DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS LOCAL TRANSPORTS

Purchase Request No.	:	INNOVATE-24-10-20091
Date of Purchase Request	:	24 September 2024
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	₱3,619,824.00

WHEREAS, the Solutions and Services Engineering Division submitted to the DOST-ASTI Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) **Purchase Request No. INNOVATE-24-10-20091** dated **24 September 2024**, for the “Contract Extension of Various Local Transports”, with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **Three Million Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Pesos Only (₱3,619,824.00)**, viz:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount
1	Contract Extension of Local Transport - Court of Appeals (CA) Cebu 20Mbps	3	Months	₱6,608.00	₱19,824.00
2	Contract Extension of Commodity Internet – Philippines Primary 10Gbps	3	Months	₱1,000,000.00	₱3,000,000.00
3	Contract Extension of Local Transport - MK2 Data Center 5Gbps	3	Months	₱200,000.00	₱600,000.00
TOTAL ABC					₱3,619,824.00

WHEREAS, the aforesaid local transports are included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Indicative Annual Procurement Plan (APP) of the DOST-ASTI;

WHEREAS, the end-user submitted a Memorandum dated **24 September 2024** and Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) to the DOST-ASTI BAC for said purpose. The end-user manifested that the extension of contract with is necessary to avoid interruption of services;

WHEREAS, in the performance evaluation conducted by the end-user, **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** garnered ninety (90) points which showed its beyond satisfactory performance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Appendix 37 of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 or the “Guidelines on Renewal of Regular Recurring Services”, regular and recurring services refer to those:

- “1) Defined under Department of Budget and Management National Budget Circular No. 570, s. 2017 and other issuances that may be issued for the purpose, such as (i) janitorial services; (ii) security services; (iii) telecommunication requirements; (iv) supply of drinking water; and (v) rental of office space, venue, and equipment;
- 2) Which by their nature are deemed essential, indispensable, or necessary to the day-to-day operations of the Procuring Entity (PE); or
- 3) Procured repeatedly by the PE in the last three (3) years.”

WHEREAS, the extension of contract for Regular and Recurring Services is allowed in the same Guidelines, to avoid any interruption of service, if the “PE has commenced with another procurement or the renewal process but was unable to award a new contract or renew the existing contract”;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned local transport belongs to the Early Procurement Activities of the PE and the same were procured by the PE short of award until the approval and effectivity of the appropriate funding;

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI BAC validated the CBA, performance evaluation, and the updated eligibility documents of the service provider;

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI BAC perceived that the extension of **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.’s** contract remains most advantageous to the PE;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, WE, the members of the DOST-ASTI BAC, hereby RESOLVE, as it is hereby RESOLVED to recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity, the following:

- 1) Inclusion of the extension of contract in the final and approved Fiscal Year 2025 APP of the DOST-ASTI;
- 2) Approve the extension of contract with **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.**, for three (3) months, specifically from 01 January 2025 to 31 March 2025, for the following local transports:

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- 3) Issue a Notice of Extension for the purpose; and
- 4) Execute an extension contract or purchase order after the service provider posts its performance security in favor of the DOST-ASTI within ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the Notice of Extension.

DONE in Quezon City this 11th day of December 2024.

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