



10 April 2025

ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
BAC Resolution No.: 25-04-044

RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT OF ONE (1) HIGHLY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT
FOR AUTOMATED LABELING MACHINE (ALaM) PROJECT

Purchase Request No.	:	ALAM-25-03-20828
Date of Purchase Request	:	13 March 2025
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	₱495,000.00

WHEREAS, the **Annual Procurement Plan No. 4 for Fiscal Year 2025** of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) includes the procurement of a Highly Technical Consultant (Renewal) for the Automated Labeling Machine (ALaM) Project, with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Pesos Only (₱495,000.00)**, inclusive of all government taxes and other fees and charges, *viz*:

PROCUREMENT PROJECT	MONTHLY SALARY (₱)	CONTRACT DURATION	ABC (₱)
Highly Technical Consultant	165,000.00	Three (3) Months	495,000.00

WHEREAS, Negotiated Procurement - Highly Technical Consultants (NP-HTC) is an alternative mode of procurement, in the case of individual consultants or partnerships hired to do work that is *(i) highly technical or proprietary*, Provided, however, that the term of the individual consultants shall, at the most, be one **six (6)-month** basis, **renewable at the option of the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE)**, but in no case shall exceed the term of the latter pursuant to Section 53.7 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184;

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI has engaged the services of **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico**, as a Highly Technical Consultant, in 2023 which was renewed by the Procuring Entity in 2024 and 2025;

WHEREAS, **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico** has an existing renewal contract with DOST-ASTI with an expiry on 31 March 2025;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum dated **17 March 2025** was submitted by the same end-user unit justifying that the **renewal** of the contract of **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico**, the current Highly Technical Consultant, is necessary to cover the remaining period of project implementation until 30 June 2025;

WHEREAS, in said Memorandum, the end-user unit manifested that **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico** has provided satisfactory services;

WHEREAS, **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico** shall continue to provide technical expertise for the overall implementation of the Automated Labeling Machine – Large-Scale Initiative component, as said research and development (R&D) initiative is still in progress. **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico** shall continue to:

1. Provide direction and guidance on the technical development and implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiative;
2. Serve as technical consultant and attend meetings during consultations/progress meetings with the project implementation team, funding agency, and other relevant parties;
3. Develop a strategic action plan that outlines the steps and milestones necessary to achieve the objectives of said R&D initiative;
4. Foster collaboration with relevant stakeholders and interested parties; and
5. Perform other tasks as may be required in relation to the conduct and completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI BAC determined that the expertise of the Consultant is highly technical and not within the capability of DOST-ASTI, as well as the renewal of **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico's** services is crucial in the implementation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI BAC in the conduct of the procurement activity for the aforesaid project, has undertaken due diligence and exerted best efforts to ensure faithful compliance with the provisions of RA No. 9184, its 2016 revised IRR, relevant laws, and issuances.

WHEREFORE, the **DOST-ASTI BAC RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend to the **DOST-ASTI HoPE**, for his approval, the **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT OF DR. JOSE ILDEFONSO RUBRICO, HIGHLY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT FOR ALAM PROJECT, FOR THREE (3) MONTHS**, with a total contract price of **FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (P495,000.00)**.

DONE, at the DOST-ASTI, Quezon City, this 10th day of April 2025.



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