



02 June 2025

ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE  
BAC Resolution No.: 25-06-091

RESOLUTION TO HIRE ONE (1) HIGHLY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT  
FOR THE BLOCKCHAIN LEGAL AND STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY  
(BLOCKSTART) PROJECT

Purchase Request No.	:	BlockSTART-25-05-21287
Date of Purchase Request	:	20 May 2025
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	₱999,990.00

**WHEREAS**, the **Supplemental Annual Procurement Plan (APP) No. 7 for Fiscal Year 2025** of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) includes a procurement of Highly Technical Consultant for the Blockchain Legal and Strategic Technology (BlockSTART) Project, with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Pesos Only (₱999,990.00)**, inclusive of all government taxes and other fees and charges, viz:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT DURATION	UNIT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT/ ABC (₱)
Highly Technical Consultant (Blockchain Legal and Strategic Technology Consultant)	Six (6) Months	₱166,665.00	₱999,990.00

**WHEREAS**, the end-user proposed to engage the services of a Highly Technical Consultant, for the period of six (6) months, only through Negotiated Procurement - Highly Technical Consultants (NP-HTC) pursuant to Section 53.7 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184;

**WHEREAS**, 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Highly Technical Consultant shall be engaged to perform tasks that are highly technical in nature as prescribed by the Government Procurement Policy Board through the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, and specified in detail through the Terms of Reference (TOR);

**WHEREAS**, the BlockSTART project is in need of a Highly Technical Consultant to:

- (1) Lead the Design and Execution of the Feasibility Assessment;
- (2) Assess Blockchain Technologies and Recommend Infrastructure Solutions;
- (3) Conduct Stakeholder Engagement Activities;
- (4) Provide Periodic Reporting and Documentation;
- (5) Participate in Project Coordination and Consultation Activities; and
- (6) Maintain Close Collaboration with Project Stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC determined that the expertise of the proposed consultant is highly technical and not within the capability of DOST-ASTI;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC Secretariat sent an Invitation to **Atty. Nathan J. Marasigan** and requested the same to submit his eligibility requirements and proposal;

**WHEREAS**, a negotiation conference between the DOST-ASTI BAC and **Atty. Nathan J. Marasigan** was held on **02 June 2025, 02:00 PM**;

**WHEREAS**, after evaluation of the qualifications of **Atty. Nathan J. Marasigan**, the DOST-ASTI BAC determined that he fully qualifies as a Highly Technical Consultant to perform the functions specified in the end-user's TOR;

**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, to award the contract for the hiring of One (1) Highly Technical Consultant for BlockSTART Project, for six (6) months, through Negotiated Procurement under Section 53.7 (Highly-Technical Consultant), with a total contract price of **NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY PESOS ONLY (₱999,990.00)**, to **ATTY. NATHAN J. MARASIGAN**.

**DONE**, at the DOST-ASTI, Quezon City, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2025.

**JOANNA G. SYJUCO**  
End-user

**MERYL REGINE L. ALGODON, Ph.D.**  
BAC Member

**PHILIP A. MARTINEZ**  
BAC Member

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BAC Chairperson

**APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:**

for

**FRANZ A. DE LEON, Ph.D.**  
Director, DOST-ASTI

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