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**ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**  
**BAC Resolution No. 25-06-088**

**DECLARATION OF CONVERGE ICT SOLUTIONS, INC. AS THE BIDDER WITH SINGLE AND LOWEST  
CALCULATED RESPONSIVE BID AND RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY,  
DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS LOCAL TRANSPORTS**

Purchase Request No.	:	<b>INNOVATE-25-01-20592</b>
Date of Purchase Request	:	<b>10 March 2025</b>
Invitation to Bid No.	:	<b>25-04-5180</b>
Solicitation No.	:	<b>25-04-5180</b>
PhilGEPS Reference No.	:	<b>12000732</b>
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	<b>₱12,228,948.90</b>

**WHEREAS**, the Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”, provides that all procurement of the national government, its departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies, including state universities and colleges, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, government financial institutions and local government units, shall, in all cases be conducted in accordance therewith and its 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR);

**WHEREAS**, the **Fiscal Year 2025 Supplemental Annual Procurement Plan No. 4** of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) includes the following items:

Lot No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount / Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
1	Local Transport - University of the Philippines (UP) Miagao 50Mbps	7	Month	₱28,794.15	₱201,559.05
2	Local Transport - UP Mintal Mindanao Primary 10Mbps	7	Month	₱15,000.00	₱105,000.00
3	Local Transport - UP Koronadal 2Mbps	7	Month	₱43,527.00	₱304,689.00
4	International Private Line (IPL) - Singapore (SG) 10Gbps	7	Month	₱1,659,671.55	₱11,617,700.85
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>₱12,228,948.90</b>

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) received **Purchase Request No. INNOVATE-25-01-20592** dated **10 March 2025**, together with a market scoping, for the procurement of the aforesaid items;

**WHEREAS**, on **28 April 2025, 09:00 AM**, a Pre-procurement Conference was held online via Microsoft Teams Application with the DOST-ATI BAC, Secretariat, and end-user representatives in attendance, to determine the readiness of the procurement project;

**WHEREAS**, on **30 April 2025**, 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 **07 May 2025, 09:00 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-2025-05-003** on **13 May 2025**, answering the queries of the prospective bidders;

**WHEREAS**, only two (2) prospective bidders purchased and submitted PBDs prior to the deadline of submission on **19 May 2025, 09:00 AM**, particularly **(1) Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** and **(2) Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.**;

**WHEREAS**, **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** submitted bid for **Lot No. 4 Only**, while **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** submitted bids for **Lot Nos. 2 & 4 Only**, viz:

Lot No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount / ABC
2	Local Transport - UP Mintal Mindanao Primary 10Mbps	7	Month	₱15,000.00	₱105,000.00
4	IPL – SG 10Gbps	7	Month	₱1,659,671.55	₱11,617,700.85
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>₱11,722,700.85</b>

**WHEREAS**, on **19 May 2025, 09:30 AM**, during the scheduled Opening of Bids, the DOST-ASTI BAC opened the bids of **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** and **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** in public and in the presence of the bidder's representatives. Said Opening of Bids was conducted by the DOST-ASTI BAC through a blended meeting arrangement;

**WHEREAS**, to determine the bidder's compliance with the eligibility, technical, and financial requirements specified in the DOST-ASTI PBD, the DOST-ASTI BAC examined the submitted documents of **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** and **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** versus a checklist of requirements. The DOST-ASTI BAC used the non-discretionary "pass or fail" criterion;

**WHEREAS**, during the evaluation of the technical component of the bids, the DOST-ASTI BAC observed that **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** indicated the word "COMPLY" but included other remarks on several items concerning their adherence to the Technical Specifications. As a result, the DOST-ASTI BAC held an executive session to discuss the matter and whether or not the bidder shall be disqualified;

**WHEREAS**, in said executive session, the DOST-ASTI BAC resolved to consider the Technical Specifications submitted by **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** under the Technical Component as "passed." However, the DOST-ASTI BAC emphasized that in future bid openings, only the word "COMPLY" without any accompanying remarks will be accepted and strictly enforced;

**WHEREAS**, the technical documents submitted by **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** are in order;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC declared that **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** and **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** were able to submit the required legal, technical, and financial documents/requirements, thereby rating the technical component of the bids of both bidders as "passed";

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC opened the financial components of the bids of **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** and **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** The bid amounts submitted by the bidder are as follows:

Lot No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	ABC		Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.		Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	
				Unit Amount	Total Amount	Unit Amount	Total Amount	Unit Amount	Total Amount
1	Local Transport – UP Miagao 50Mbps	7	Month	₱28,794.15	₱201,559.05	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
2	Local Transport – UP Mintal Mindanao Primary 10Mbps	7	Month	₱15,000.00	₱105,000.00	NO BID	NO BID	₱9,164.00	₱64,148.00
3	Local Transport – UP Koronadal 2Mbps	7	Month	₱43,527.00	₱304,689.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
4	IPL - SG 10Gbps	7	Month	₱1,659,671.55	₱11,617,700.85	₱1,232,000.00	₱8,624,000.00	₱492,157.43	₱3,445,102.00
<b>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</b>						<b>₱8,624,000.00</b>		<b>₱3,509,250.00</b>	

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC conducted a detailed evaluation of the financial component of the bids of **Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.** and **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** to establish the correct calculated prices of the bids according to Section 32.2.1 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, viz:

Lot No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	ABC		Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.		Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	
				Unit Amount	Total Amount	Unit Amount	Total Amount	Unit Amount	Total Amount
2	Local Transport – UP Mintal Mindanao Primary	7	Month	₱15,000.00	₱105,000.00	NO BID	NO BID	₱9,164.00	₱64,148.00

	10Mbps								
4	IPL - SG 10Gbps	7	Month	₱1,659,671.55	₱11,617,700.85	₱1,232,000.00	₱8,624,000.00	₱492,157.43	₱3,445,102.01
<b>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</b>						<b>₱8,624,000.00</b>		<b>₱3,509,250.01</b>	

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC and end-user unit found the submission of **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** to be complete but with arithmetical corrections. The corrected bid of **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** is **Three Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Pesos and 01/100 Only (₱3,509,250.01)**;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC shall adopt the as-read bid price of **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.**, amounting to **Three Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Pesos Only (₱3,509,250.00)** following Section 34.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184;

**WHEREAS**, based on the results of the evaluation and adopting Section 34.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, the DOST-ASTI BAC found that **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** submitted the Single and/or Lowest Calculated Bids for said procurement project;

Lot No.	Item Description	Name of Bidder	Bid Price as Calculated	Ranking
2	Local Transport - UP Mintal Mindanao Primary 10Mbps	Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	₱64,148.00	Single Calculated Bid (SCB)
4	IPL - SG 10Gbps	Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	₱3,445,102.00	Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB)

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC dedared **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** as the bidder with Single and Lowest Calculated Bid (SCB/LCB), through **BAC Resolution No. 25-05-068** dated **19 May 2025**. Likewise, in the same resolution, the DOST-ASTI BAC Secretariat was instructed by the DOST-ASTI BAC to assist them in conducting post-qualification of said bidder;


**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, viz.:

Lot No.	Description	Name of Bidder	Bid Amounts/Prices as Calculated		Result
			Unit Amount	Total Amount	
2	Local Transport - UP Mintal Mindanao Primary 10Mbps	Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.	₱9,164.00	₱64,148.00	Single Calculated Responsive Bid (SCRB)
4	IPL - SG 10Gbps		₱492,157.43	₱3,445,102.00	Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid (LCRB)

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, WE, the members of the DOST-ASTI BAC hereby RESOLVE to:

1. Declare **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** for the procurement project titled, **“Supply, Delivery and Installation of Seven (7) Month Local Transport – UP Mintal Mindanao Primary 10Mbps”** as the bidder with **Single Calculated Responsive Bid**, with a total bid price amounting to **Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight Pesos Only (₱64,148.00)**;
2. Declare **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** for the procurement project titled, **“Supply, Delivery and Installation of Seven (7) Month IPL - SG 10Gbps”** as the bidder with **Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid**, with a total bid price amounting to **Three Million Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Two Pesos Only (₱3,445,102.00)**;
3. Recommend to the DOST-ASTI Director, as the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE), that the contracts be awarded to **Converge ICT Solutions, Inc.** in the above-mentioned amounts; and
4. Recommend the approval of the HoPE of the foregoing results.

**RESOLVED** in Quezon City, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2025.

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**APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:**  
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