



ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
BAC Resolution No.: 25-12-010-EPA

RESOLUTION TO HIRE ONE (1) HIGHLY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT
(BLOCKCHAIN LEGAL AND STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT)
(EARLY PROCUREMENT PROJECT)

Purchase Request No. : **GAA-25-10-22219**

Date of Purchase Request : **13 October 2025**

Approved Budget for the Contract : **₱499,995.00**

WHEREAS, the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Indicative Annual Procurement Plan** of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) includes a procurement of Highly Technical Consultant (Blockchain Legal and Strategic Technology Consultant) for the BlockSTART-FSR Project with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Pesos Only (₱499,995.00)**, inclusive of all government taxes and other charges, *viz*:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT DURATION	UNIT AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT/ ABC (₱)
Highly Technical Consultant (Blockchain Legal and Strategic Technology Consultant)	Three (3) Months	₱166,665.00	₱499,995.00

WHEREAS, Negotiated Procurement - Highly Technical Consultants (NP-HTC) is negotiated procurement, in the case of individual consultants or partnerships hired to do work that is *(i) highly technical or proprietary*; that in both instances, trust and confidence are the primary considerations for the hiring of the consultant. However, that the term of the individual consultant shall, at the most, be on a yearly basis, renewable at the option of the appointing Head of 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 RA No.12009 and its IRR, and specified in detail through the Terms of Reference (TOR), such as:

- 1) Finalize the integration of all feasibility study components by consolidating the baseline assessment, technology and market review, financial and economic analysis, and risk assessment into a coherent draft report;
- 2) Conduct stakeholder validation activities such as consultations and FGDs with representatives from government, academe, and industry to confirm findings and gather additional insights;
- 3) Incorporate stakeholder feedback into the feasibility study report to strengthen its technical soundness, contextual relevance, and alignment with policy and implementation needs; and
- 4) Prepare and present the completed feasibility study report to DOST and relevant stakeholders, highlighting key recommendations and providing a foundation for the proposed full-scale BlockSTART project.

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 **15 December 2025, 02:30 PM**;

WHEREAS, during the negotiation conference, the DOST-ASTI BAC stated that the starting date of the consultant shall be amended from 01 January 2026 to 02 January 2026, considering that the former date indicated in the TOR is a declared holiday;

WHEREAS, the DOST-ASTI BAC carefully reviewed and evaluated the legal, technical, and financial requirements submitted by **Atty. Nathan J. Marasigan**, and found that the said consultant complied with all the eligibility requirements;

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 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. 12009 and its 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-FSR Project, for three (3) months, specifically from 02 January 2026 to 01 March 2026, through **NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 35.7 (HIGHLY-TECHNICAL CONSULTANT)**, with a total contract price of **FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE PESOS ONLY (₱499,995.00)**, to **ATTY. NATHAN J. MARASIGAN**.

DONE, at the DOST-ASTI, Quezon City, this 16th day of December 2025.

JOANNA G. SYJUCO

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Director, DOST-ASTI

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