



18 December 2023

**ASTI – BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**  
**BAC Resolution No.: 23-12-257**

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE ONE (1) HIGHLY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT  
FOR AUTOMATED LABELING MACHINE (ALaM) PROJECT**

Purchase Request No. : **ALAM-23-11-18426**  
Date of Purchase Request : **24 November 2023**  
Approved Budget for the Contract : **₱990,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the **Annual Procurement Plan (APP) No. 22 for Fiscal Year 2023** of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) includes a procurement of Highly Technical Consultant for the Automated Labeling Machine (ALaM) Project, with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to **Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos Only (₱990,000.00)**, inclusive of all government taxes and other fees and charges, *viz*:

PROCUREMENT PROJECT	MONTHLY SALARY (₱)	CONTRACT DURATION	ABC (₱)
Highly Technical Consultant	165,000.00	Six (6) Months	990,000.00

**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 ALaM project is in need of a Highly Technical Consultant to:

- (1) Provide direction and guidance on the technical development and implementation of the project's Artificial Intelligence initiative;
- (2) Serve as technical consultant and attend meetings during consultations and progress meetings with the researchers, stakeholders, and other relevant institutions and agencies, as applicable;
- (3) Recruit or assemble a team with the necessary technical expertise in artificial intelligence and robotics;
- (4) Develop a strategic action plan that outlines the steps and milestones necessary to achieve the objectives of the initiatives in its third year of project implementation;
- (5) Foster collaboration with relevant stakeholders and interested parties; and
- (6) 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 proposed consultant is highly technical and not within the capability of DOST-ASTI;

**WHEREAS**, the DOST-ASTI BAC Secretariat sent an Invitation to **Dr. Jose Idefonso Rubrico** and requested the same to submit his eligibility requirements and proposal;

**WHEREAS**, a negotiation conference between the DOST-ASTI BAC and **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico** was held on **18 December 2023, 10:30 AM**;


**WHEREAS**, after evaluation of the qualifications of **Dr. Jose Ildefonso Rubrico**, 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) lot highly technical consultant for ALaM Project, for six (6) months, through Negotiated Procurement under Section 53.7 (Highly-Technical Consultant), with a total contract price of **Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos Only (₱990,000.00)**, to **DR. JOSE ILDEFONSO RUBRICO**.

**DONE**, at the DOST-ASTI, Quezon City, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.


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