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PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) LOT FIREWALL SYSTEM AND LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION (SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, AND CONFIGURATION)

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Glossary of Acronyms, Terms, and Abbreviations

ABC – Approved Budget for the Contract.

BAC – Bids and Awards Committee.

Bid – A signed offer or proposal to undertake a contract submitted by a bidder in response to and in consonance with the requirements of the bidding documents. Also referred to as *Proposal* and *Tender*. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[c])

Bidder – Refers to a contractor, manufacturer, supplier, distributor, and/or consultant who submits a bid in response to the requirements of the Bidding Documents. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[d])

Bidding Documents – The documents issued by the Procuring Entity as the bases for bids, furnishing all information necessary for a prospective bidder to prepare a bid for the Goods, Infrastructure Projects, and/or Consulting Services required by the Procuring Entity. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[e])

BIR – Bureau of Internal Revenue.

BSP – Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Consulting Services – Refer to services for Infrastructure Projects and other types of projects or activities of the GOP requiring adequate external technical and professional expertise that are beyond the capability and/or capacity of the GOP to undertake such as, but not limited to: (i) advisory and review services; (ii) pre-investment or feasibility studies; (iii) design; (iv) construction supervision; (v) management and related services; and (vi) other technical services or special studies. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[i])

CDA - Cooperative Development Authority.

Contract – Refers to the agreement entered into between the Procuring Entity and the Supplier or Manufacturer or Distributor or Service Provider for procurement of Goods and Services; Contractor for Procurement of Infrastructure Projects; or Consultant or Consulting Firm for Procurement of Consulting Services; as the case may be, as recorded in the Contract Form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

CIF – Cost Insurance and Freight.

CIP – Carriage and Insurance Paid.

CPI – Consumer Price Index.

DDP – Refers to the quoted price of the Goods, which means “delivered duty paid.”

DTI – Department of Trade and Industry.

EXW – Ex works.

FCA – “Free Carrier” shipping point.

FOB – “Free on Board” shipping point.



Foreign-funded Procurement or Foreign-Assisted Project– Refers to procurement whose funding source is from a foreign government, foreign or international financing institution as specified in the Treaty or International or Executive Agreement. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[b]).

Framework Agreement – Refers to a written agreement between a procuring entity and a supplier or service provider that identifies the terms and conditions, under which specific purchases, otherwise known as “Call-Offs,” are made for the duration of the agreement. It is in the nature of an option contract between the procuring entity and the bidder(s) granting the procuring entity the option to either place an order for any of the goods or services identified in the Framework Agreement List or not buy at all, within a minimum period of one (1) year to a maximum period of three (3) years. (GPPB Resolution No. 27-2019)

GFI – Government Financial Institution.

GOCC – Government-owned and/or -controlled corporation.

Goods – Refer to all items, supplies, materials and general support services, except Consulting Services and Infrastructure Projects, which may be needed in the transaction of public businesses or in the pursuit of any government undertaking, project or activity, whether in the nature of equipment, furniture, stationery, materials for construction, or personal property of any kind, including non-personal or contractual services such as the repair and maintenance of equipment and furniture, as well as trucking, hauling, janitorial, security, and related or analogous services, as well as procurement of materials and supplies provided by the Procuring Entity for such services. The term “related” or “analogous services” shall include, but is not limited to, lease or purchase of office space, media advertisements, health maintenance services, and other services essential to the operation of the Procuring Entity. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[r])

GOP – Government of the Philippines.

GPPB – Government Procurement Policy Board.

INCOTERMS – International Commercial Terms.

Infrastructure Projects – Include the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, demolition, repair, restoration or maintenance of roads and bridges, railways, airports, seaports, communication facilities, civil works components of information technology projects, irrigation, flood control and drainage, water supply, sanitation, sewerage and solid waste management systems, shore protection, energy/power and electrification facilities, national buildings, school buildings, hospital buildings, and other related construction projects of the government. Also referred to as *civil works or works*. (2016 revised IRR, Section 5[u])

LGUs – Local Government Units.

NFCC – Net Financial Contracting Capacity.

NGA – National Government Agency.

PhilGEPS - Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System.

Procurement Project – refers to a specific or identified procurement covering goods, infrastructure projects or consulting services. A Procurement Project shall be described, detailed, and scheduled in the Project Procurement Management Plan



prepared by the agency which shall be consolidated in the procuring entity's Annual Procurement Plan. (GPPB Circular No. 06-2019 dated 17 July 2019)

PSA – Philippine Statistics Authority.

SEC – Securities and Exchange Commission.

SLCC – Single Largest Completed Contract.

Supplier – refers to a citizen, or any corporate body or commercial company duly organized and registered under the laws where it is established, habitually established in business, and engaged in the manufacture or sale of the merchandise or performance of the general services covered by his bid. (Item 3.8 of GPPB Resolution No. 13-2019, dated 23 May 2019). Suppliers as used in these Bidding Documents may likewise refer to a distributor, manufacturer, contractor, or consultant.

UN – United Nations



Section I. Invitation to Bid

Notes on the Invitation to Bid

The Invitation to Bid (IB) provides information that enables potential Bidders to decide whether to participate in the procurement at hand. The IB shall be posted in accordance with Section 21.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

Apart from the essential items listed in the Bidding Documents, the IB should also indicate the following:

- 1. The date of availability of the Bidding Documents, which shall be from the time the IB is first advertised/posted until the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids;*
- 2. The place where the Bidding Documents may be acquired or the website where it may be downloaded;*
- 3. The deadline for the submission and receipt of bids; and*
- 4. Any important bid evaluation criteria (e.g., the application of a margin of preference in bid evaluation).*

The IB should be incorporated in the Bidding Documents. The information contained in the IB must conform to the Bidding Documents and in particular to the relevant information in the Bid Data Sheet.



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INVITATION TO BID (IB)

FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) LOT FIREWALL SYSTEM AND LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION (SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, AND CONFIGURATION)

1. The **Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF)**, through the **National Expenditure Program (NEP) for F.Y. 2024 (Early Procurement Activity)**, intends to apply the sum of **One Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Pesos (Php 1,780,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for **One (1) Lot Firewall System and License Subscription (Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Configuration)**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. Delivery of the Goods is required not later than forty-five (45) calendar days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Bidders should have completed, within three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II (Instructions to Bidders).
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedure using a non-discretionary "*pass/fail*" criterion as specified in the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA No. 5183.

4. Prospective Bidders may obtain further information from **PCAF-BAC Secretariat Office, Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the given address from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mondays to Fridays until December 21, 2023, except during non-working holidays.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on November 30, 2023 to December 21, 2023 from the given address and PCAF website and upon payment of the applicable fee, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00)**. The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment in person.
6. The PCAF will hold a face-to-face Pre-Bid Conference on **December 7, 2023**, at **2:00 PM** at the BAC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, PCAF, Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, which shall be open to prospective bidders.



7. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through manual submission at the given office address on or before **December 21, 2023, 9:00 AM** PCAF Bundy Clock Time. Late bids shall not be accepted.
8. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB Clause 14**.
9. Bid opening shall be on **December 21, 2023, 10:00 AM** PCAF Bundy Clock Time at the given address below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.

The Schedule of Procurement activities are as follows:


Activity	Venue	Date/Time	Remarks
Pre-Bid Conference	BAC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, PCAF, Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Q.C.	December 7, 2023 2:00 P.M.	All interested bidders may attend
Receipt of Bids	BAC Secretariat Office, 3rd Floor, PCAF, Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Q.C.	November 30 to December 21, 2023 9:00 A.M.	All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as stated in ITB Clause 14. Late bids shall not be accepted
Opening of Bids	Apacible Conference Room A, 3rd Floor, PCAF, Apacible Hall, DA Compound, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Q.C.	December 21, 2023 10:00 A.M.	Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's Representative who opts to attend

10. This procurement project is undertaken through Early Procurement Activities (EPA) hence, the award of contract to the Lowest/Single Calculated and Responsive Bidder may only be made by the Procuring Entity upon approval or enactment of the FY 2024 General Appropriation Act (GAA) pursuant to Section 7.6 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations Act of Republic Act (RA) 9184 and the provisions under GPPB Circular 06-2019 dated July 17, 2019.
11. The PCAF reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Sections 35.6 and 41 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
12. For further information, please refer to

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13. You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: <https://www.pcaf.da.gov.ph/index.php/bids-and-awards/>


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Section II. Instructions to Bidders

Notes on the Instructions to Bidders

This Section on the Instruction to Bidders (ITB) provides the information necessary for bidders to prepare responsive bids, in accordance with the requirements of the Procuring Entity. It also provides information on bid submission, eligibility check, opening and evaluation of bids, post-qualification, and on the award of contract.

1. Scope of Bid

The Procuring Entity, PCAF, wishes to receive Bids for the Procurement of One (1) Lot Firewall System and License Subscription (Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Configuration) with identification number **ITB No. 2023-004**.

The Procurement Project (referred to herein as “Project”) is composed of one (1) lot, the details of which are described in Section VII (Technical Specifications).

2. Funding Information

2.1. The GOP through the source of funding as indicated below for F.Y. 2024 in the amount of **One Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Pesos (Php 1,780,000.00)**.

2.2. The source of funding is the FY 2024 National Expenditure Program

3. Bidding Requirements

The Bidding for the Project shall be governed by all the provisions of RA No. 9184 and its 2016 revised IRR, including its Generic Procurement Manuals and associated policies, rules and regulations as the primary source thereof, while the herein clauses shall serve as the secondary source thereof.

Any amendments made to the IRR and other GPPB issuances shall be applicable only to the ongoing posting, advertisement, or **IB** by the BAC through the issuance of a supplemental or bid bulletin.

The Bidder, by the act of submitting its Bid, shall be deemed to have verified and accepted the general requirements of this Project, including other factors that may affect the cost, duration and execution or implementation of the contract, project, or work and examine all instructions, forms, terms, and project requirements in the Bidding Documents.

4. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, and Coercive Practices

The Procuring Entity, as well as the Bidders and Suppliers, shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of the contract. They or through an agent shall not engage in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, and obstructive practices defined under Annex “I” of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 or other integrity violations in competing for the Project.

5. Eligible Bidders

5.1. Only Bids of Bidders found to be legally, technically, and financially capable will be evaluated.

5.2. Foreign ownership exceeding those allowed under the rules may participate pursuant to:



- i. When a Treaty or International or Executive Agreement as provided in Section 4 of the RA No. 9184 and its 2016 revised IRR allow foreign bidders to participate;
- ii. Citizens, corporations, or associations of a country, included in the list issued by the GPPB, the laws or regulations of which grant reciprocal rights or privileges to citizens, corporations, or associations of the Philippines;
- iii. When the Goods sought to be procured are not available from local suppliers; or
- iv. When there is a need to prevent situations that defeat competition or restrain trade.

5.3. Pursuant to Section 23.4.1.3 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, the Bidder shall have an SLCC that is at least one (1) contract similar to the Project the value of which, adjusted to current prices using the PSA's CPI, must be at least equivalent to at least fifty (50%) of the ABC.

5.4. The Bidders shall comply with the eligibility criteria under Section 23.4.1 of the 2016 IRR of RA No. 9184.

6. Origin of Goods

There is no restriction on the origin of goods other than those prohibited by a decision of the UN Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the UN, subject to Domestic Preference requirements under **ITB** Clause 18.

7. Subcontracts

The Procuring Entity has prescribed that subcontracting is not allowed.

8. Pre-Bid Conference

The Procuring Entity will hold a pre-bid conference for this Project on the specified date and time and either at its physical address and/or through videoconferencing/webcasting as indicated in paragraph 6 of the **IB**.

9. Clarification and Amendment of Bidding Documents

Prospective bidders may request for clarification on and/or interpretation of any part of the Bidding Documents. Such requests must be in writing and received by the Procuring Entity, either at its given address or through electronic mail indicated in the **IB**, at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline set for the submission and receipt of Bids.

10. Documents comprising the Bid: Eligibility and Technical Components

10.1. The first envelope shall contain the eligibility and technical documents of the Bid as specified in **Section VIII (Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents)**.

10.2. The Bidder's SLCC as indicated in **ITB** Clause 5.3 should have been completed within three (3) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.



- 10.3. If the eligibility requirements or statements, the bids, and all other documents for submission to the BAC are in foreign language other than English, it must be accompanied by a translation in English, which shall be authenticated by the appropriate Philippine foreign service establishment, post, or the equivalent office having jurisdiction over the foreign bidder's affairs in the Philippines. Similar to the required authentication above, for Contracting Parties to the Apostille Convention, only the translated documents shall be authenticated through an apostille pursuant to GPPB Resolution No. 13-2019 dated 23 May 2019. The English translation shall govern, for purposes of interpretation of the bid.

11. Documents comprising the Bid: Financial Component

- 11.1. The second bid envelope shall contain the financial documents for the Bid as specified in **Section VIII (Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents)**.
- 11.2. If the Bidder claims preference as a Domestic Bidder or Domestic Entity, a certification issued by DTI shall be provided by the Bidder in accordance with Section 43.1.3 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.
- 11.3. Any bid exceeding the ABC indicated in paragraph 1 of the **IB** shall not be accepted.
- 11.4. For Foreign-funded Procurement, a ceiling may be applied to bid prices provided the conditions are met under Section 31.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

12. Bid Prices

- 12.1. Prices indicated on the Price Schedule shall be entered separately in the following manner:
- a. For Goods offered from within the Procuring Entity's country:
 - i. The price of the Goods quoted EXW (ex-works, ex-factory, ex warehouse, ex-showroom, or off-the-shelf, as applicable);
 - ii. The cost of all customs duties and sales and other taxes already paid or payable;
 - iii. The cost of transportation, insurance, and other costs incidental to delivery of the Goods to their final destination; and
 - iv. The price of other (incidental) services, if any, listed in the **BDS**.
 - b. For Goods offered from abroad:
 - i. Unless otherwise stated in the **BDS**, the price of the Goods shall be quoted delivered duty paid (DDP) with the place of destination in the Philippines as specified in the **BDS**. In quoting the price, the Bidder shall be free to use transportation through carriers registered in any eligible country. Similarly, the Bidder may obtain insurance services from any eligible source country.
 - ii. The price of other (incidental) services, if any, as listed in the **BDS**.



13. Bid and Payment Currencies

13.1. For Goods that the Bidder will supply from outside the Philippines, the bid prices may be quoted in the local currency or tradeable currency accepted by the BSP at the discretion of the Bidder. However, for purposes of bid evaluation, Bids denominated in foreign currencies shall be converted to Philippine currency based on the exchange rate as published in the BSP reference rate bulletin on the day of the bid opening.

13.2. Payment of the contract price shall be made in Philippine Pesos.

14. Bid Security

14.1. The Bidder shall submit a Bid Securing Declaration¹ or any form of Bid Security in the amount indicated in the **BDS**, which shall be not less than the percentage of the ABC in accordance with the schedule in the **BDS**.

14.2. The Bid and bid security shall be valid until **April 30, 2024**. Any Bid not accompanied by an acceptable bid security shall be rejected by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.

15. Sealing and Marking of Bids

Each Bidder shall submit one copy (Original Copy) of the first and second components of its Bid.

The Procuring Entity may request additional two (2) hard copies (Copy 1 and Copy 2) and/or electronic copies of the Bid. However, failure of the Bidders to comply with the said request shall not be a ground for disqualification.

16. Deadline for Submission of Bids

The Bidders shall submit on the specified date and time at its physical address as indicated in paragraph 7 of the **IB**.

17. Opening and Preliminary Examination of Bids

17.1. The BAC shall open the Bids in public at the time, on the date, and at the place specified in paragraph 9 of the **IB**. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance. In case videoconferencing, webcasting or other similar technologies will be used, attendance of participants shall likewise be recorded by the BAC Secretariat.

In case the Bids cannot be opened as scheduled due to justifiable reasons, the rescheduling requirements under Section 29 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 shall prevail.

17.2. The preliminary examination of bids shall be governed by Section 30 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

¹In the case of Framework Agreement, the undertaking shall refer to entering into contract with the Procuring Entity and furnishing of the performance security or the performance securing declaration within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of Notice to Execute Framework Agreement.



18. Domestic Preference

The Procuring Entity will grant a margin of preference for the purpose of comparison of Bids in accordance with Section 43.1.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

19. Detailed Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- 19.1. The Procuring Entity's BAC shall immediately conduct a detailed evaluation of all Bids rated "*passed*," using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria. The BAC shall consider the conditions in the evaluation of Bids under Section 32.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.
- 19.2. If the Project allows partial bids, bidders may submit a proposal on any of the lots or items, and evaluation will be undertaken on a per lot or item basis, as the case may be. In this case, the Bid Security as required by **ITB** Clause 14 shall be submitted for each lot or item separately.
- 19.3. The descriptions of the lots or items shall be indicated in **Section VII (Technical Specifications)**, although the ABCs of these lots or items are indicated in the **BDS** for purposes of the NFCC computation pursuant to Section 23.4.2.6 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184. The NFCC must be sufficient for the total of the ABCs for all the lots or items participated in by the prospective Bidder.
- 19.4. The Project shall be awarded as One Project having several items that shall be awarded as one contract.
- 19.5. Except for bidders submitting a committed Line of Credit from a Universal or Commercial Bank in lieu of its NFCC computation, all Bids must include the NFCC computation pursuant to Section 23.4.1.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, which must be sufficient for the total of the ABCs for all the lots or items participated in by the prospective Bidder. For bidders submitting the committed Line of Credit, it must be at least equal to ten percent (10%) of the ABCs for all the lots or items participated in by the prospective Bidder.

20. Post-Qualification

Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the Bidder of the notice from the BAC that it submitted the Lowest Calculated Bid, the Bidder shall submit its latest income and business tax returns filed and paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) and other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the **BDS**.

21. Signing of the Contract

The documents required in Section 37.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 shall form part of the Contract. Additional Contract documents are indicated in the **BDS**.



Section III. Bid Data Sheet

Notes on the Bid Data Sheet

The Bid Data Sheet (BDS) consists of provisions that supplement, amend, or specify in detail, information, or requirements included in the ITB found in Section II, which are specific to each procurement.

This Section is intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing the specific information in relation to corresponding clauses in the ITB and has to be prepared for each specific procurement.

The Procuring Entity should specify in the BDS information and requirements specific to the circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the processing of the procurement, and the bid evaluation criteria that will apply to the Bids. In preparing the BDS, the following aspects should be checked:

- a. Information that specifies and complements provisions of the ITB must be incorporated.
- b. Amendments and/or supplements, if any, to provisions of the ITB as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific procurement, must also be incorporated.

Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause	
5.3	<p>For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. <i>Firewall System and License Subscription.</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Completed within three (3) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.</p>
7.1	<i>“Subcontracting is not allowed.”</i>
12	<p>i. The price of the Goods quoted EXW (ex-works, ex-factory, ex warehouse, ex-showroom, or off-the-shelf, as applicable);</p> <p>ii. The cost of all customs duties and sales and other taxes already paid or payable;</p> <p>iii. The cost of transportation, insurance, and other costs incidental to delivery of the Goods to their final destination;</p>
14.1	<p>The bid security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration, or any of the following forms and amounts:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. The amount of not less than Thirty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (Php 35,600.00), if bid security is in cash, cashier’s/manager’s check, bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. The amount of not less than Eighty-Nine Thousand Pesos (Php 89,000.00) if bid security is in Surety Bond.</p>
19.3	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Project will be awarded by lot.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">One (1) Lot Firewall System and License Subscription (Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Configuration) with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of One Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Pesos (Php 1,780,000.00).</p>
20.2	<p>To proceed with post qualification, bidder must submit their latest income and business tax returns filed and paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS), along with all other appropriate licenses and permits required by law, within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days of receiving the BAC’s notice of being the Lowest Calculated Bid.</p>
21.1	<i>“Not applicable”</i>



Section IV. General Conditions of Contract

Notes on the General Conditions of Contract

The General Conditions of Contract (GCC) in this Section, read in conjunction with the Special Conditions of Contract in Section V and other documents listed therein, should be a complete document expressing all the rights and obligations of the parties.

Matters governing performance of the Supplier, payments under the contract, or matters affecting the risks, rights, and obligations of the parties under the contract are included in the GCC and Special Conditions of Contract.

Any complementary information, which may be needed, shall be introduced only through the Special Conditions of Contract.



1. Scope of Contract

This Contract shall include all such items, although not specifically mentioned, that can be reasonably inferred as being required for its completion as if such items were expressly mentioned herein. All the provisions of RA No. 9184 and its 2016 revised IRR, including the Generic Procurement Manual, and associated issuances, constitute the primary source for the terms and conditions of the Contract, and thus, applicable in contract implementation. Herein clauses shall serve as the secondary source for the terms and conditions of the Contract.

This is without prejudice to Sections 74.1 and 74.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 allowing the GPPB to amend the IRR, which shall be applied to all procurement activities, the advertisement, posting, or invitation of which were issued after the effectivity of the said amendment.

Additional requirements for the completion of this Contract shall be provided in the **Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)**.

2. Advance Payment and Terms of Payment

2.1. Advance payment of the contract amount is provided under Annex "D" of the revised 2016 IRR of RA No. 9184.

2.2. The Procuring Entity is allowed to determine the terms of payment on the partial or staggered delivery of the Goods procured, provided such partial payment shall correspond to the value of the goods delivered and accepted in accordance with prevailing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The terms of payment are indicated in the **SCC**.

3. Performance Security

Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award by the Bidder from the Procuring Entity but in no case later than the signing of the Contract by both parties, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in any of the forms prescribed in Section 39 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.

4. Inspection and Tests

The Procuring Entity or its representative shall have the right to inspect and/or to test the Goods to confirm their conformity to the Project specifications at no extra cost to the Procuring Entity in accordance with the Generic Procurement Manual. In addition to tests in the **SCC, Section VII (Technical Specifications)** shall specify what inspections and/or tests the Procuring Entity requires, and where they are to be conducted. The Procuring Entity shall notify the Supplier in writing, in a timely manner, of the identity of any representatives retained for these purposes.

All reasonable facilities and assistance for the inspection and testing of Goods, including access to drawings and production data, shall be provided by the Supplier to the authorized inspectors at no charge to the Procuring Entity.



5. Warranty

- 5.1 In order to assure that manufacturing defects shall be corrected by the Supplier, a warranty shall be required from the Supplier as provided under Section 62.1 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.
- 5.2 The Procuring Entity shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof without cost to the Procuring Entity, pursuant to the Generic Procurement Manual.

6. Liability of the Supplier

The Supplier's liability under this Contract shall be as provided by the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

If the Supplier is a joint venture, all partners to the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Entity.



Section V. Special Conditions of Contract

Notes on the Special Conditions of Contract

Similar to the BDS, the clauses in this Section are intended to assist the Procuring Entity in providing contract-specific information in relation to corresponding clauses in the GCC found in Section IV.

The Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) complement the GCC, specifying contractual requirements linked to the special circumstances of the Procuring Entity, the Procuring Entity's country, the sector, and the Goods purchased. In preparing this Section, the following aspects should be checked:

- a. Information that complements provisions of the GCC must be incorporated.
- b. Amendments and/or supplements to provisions of the GCC as necessitated by the circumstances of the specific purchase, must also be incorporated.

However, no special condition which defeats or negates the general intent and purpose of the provisions of the GCC should be incorporated herein.

Special Conditions of Contract

GCC Clause	
1	<p>Delivery and Documents -</p> <p>For purposes of the Contract, “EXW,” “FOB,” “FCA,” “CIF,” “CIP,” “DDP” and other trade terms used to describe the obligations of the parties shall have the meanings assigned to them by the current edition of INCOTERMS published by the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris. The Delivery terms of this Contract shall be as follows:</p> <p><i>For Goods supplied from abroad, the delivery terms applicable to the Contract are DDP delivered in the Philippines. In accordance with INCOTERMS.”</i></p> <p><i>For Goods supplied from within the Philippines, the delivery terms applicable to this Contract are delivered at the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), DA Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Risk and title will pass from the Supplier to the Procuring Entity upon receipt and final acceptance of the Goods at their final destination.”</i></p> <p>Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the terms specified in Section VI (Schedule of Requirements).</p> <p>For purposes of this Clause, the Procuring Entity’s Representative at the Project Site is <i>(to be determined)</i>.</p> <p>Incidental Services -</p> <p>The Supplier is required to provide all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or start-up of the supplied Goods; b. furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied Goods; c. furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied Goods d. performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied Goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the Supplier of any warranty obligations under this Contract; and e. training of the Procuring Entity’s personnel, at the Supplier’s plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied Goods. <p>The Contract price for the Goods shall include the prices charged by the Supplier for incidental services and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.</p> <p>Packaging -</p> <p>The Supplier shall provide such packaging of the Goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in this Contract. The packaging shall be sufficient to</p>



	<p>withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packaging case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the Goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.</p> <p>The packaging, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the Contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified below, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the Procuring Entity.</p> <p>A packaging list identifying the contents and quantities of the package is to be placed on an accessible point of the outer packaging if practical. If not practical the packaging list is to be placed inside the outer packaging but outside the secondary packaging.</p> <p>Transportation -</p> <p>Where the Supplier is required under Contract to deliver the Goods CIF, CIP, or DDP, transport of the Goods to the port of destination or such other named place of destination in the Philippines, as shall be specified in this Contract, shall be arranged and paid for by the Supplier, and the cost thereof shall be included in the Contract Price.</p> <p>Where the Supplier is required under this Contract to transport the Goods to a specified place of destination within the Philippines, defined as the Project Site, transport to such place of destination in the Philippines, including insurance and storage, as shall be specified in this Contract, shall be arranged by the Supplier, and related costs shall be included in the contract price.</p> <p>Where the Supplier is required under Contract to deliver the Goods CIF, CIP or DDP, Goods are to be transported on carriers of Philippine registry. In the event that no carrier of Philippine registry is available, Goods may be shipped by a carrier which is not of Philippine registry provided that the Supplier obtains and presents to the Procuring Entity certification to this effect from the nearest Philippine consulate to the port of dispatch. In the event that carriers of Philippine registry are available but their schedule delays the Supplier in its performance of this Contract the period from when the Goods were first ready for shipment and the actual date of shipment the period of delay will be considered force majeure.</p> <p>The Procuring Entity accepts no liability for the damage of Goods during transit other than those prescribed by INCOTERMS for DDP deliveries. In the case of Goods supplied from within the Philippines or supplied by domestic Suppliers risk and title will not be deemed to have passed to the Procuring Entity until their receipt and final acceptance at the final destination.</p>
2.2	"Maintain the GCC clause."
4	The Goods delivered are accepted by the PCAF as to quantity only. However, inspection as to the Goods' compliance with Section VII. Technical Specifications, and its order and condition, will be done in the presence of the representatives of both the Supplier and the PCAF upon prior due notice, written or verbal, to the authorized representative of the Supplier. The inspection will push through as scheduled even in the absence of the

	Supplier's representative, if the latter was duly notified. In which case, the results of the inspection conducted by the PCAF shall be final and binding upon the Supplier.
5.1	In order to assure that manufacturing defects shall be corrected by the Supplier, a warranty shall be required from the Supplier as provided under Section 62.1 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 equivalent to five percent (5%) of the total contract price.
5.2	The Procuring Entity shall promptly notify the Supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty. Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof without cost to the Procuring Entity, pursuant to the Generic Procurement Manual.



Section VI. Schedule of Requirements and Terms of Reference

PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) LOT FIREWALL SYSTEM AND LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION (SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION)

Description	Qty	Total (ABC)	Delivered: Weeks/Months
Firewall System and License Subscription (Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Configuration)	1 LOT	1,780,000.00	Delivered not later than forty-five (45) calendar days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed
TOTAL COST		1,780,000.00	



Section VII. Technical Specification

Notes for Preparing the Technical Specifications

A set of precise and clear specifications is a prerequisite for Bidders to respond realistically and competitively to the requirements of the Procuring Entity without qualifying their Bids. In the context of Competitive Bidding, the specifications (*e.g.* production/delivery schedule, manpower requirements, and after-sales service/parts, descriptions of the lots or items) must be prepared to permit the widest possible competition and, at the same time, present a clear statement of the required standards of workmanship, materials, and performance of the goods and services to be procured. Only if this is done will the objectives of transparency, equity, efficiency, fairness, and economy in procurement be realized, responsiveness of bids be ensured, and the subsequent task of bid evaluation and post-qualification facilitated. The specifications should require that all items, materials and accessories to be included or incorporated in the goods be new, unused, and of the most recent or current models, and that they include or incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless otherwise provided in the Contract.

Samples of specifications from previous similar procurements are useful in this respect. The use of metric units is encouraged. Depending on the complexity of the goods and the repetitiveness of the type of procurement, it may be advantageous to standardize the General Technical Specifications and incorporate them in a separate subsection. The General Technical Specifications should cover all classes of workmanship, materials, and equipment commonly involved in manufacturing similar goods. Deletions or addenda should then adapt the General Technical Specifications to the particular procurement.

Care must be taken in drafting specifications to ensure that they are not restrictive. In the specification of standards for equipment, materials, and workmanship, recognized Philippine and international standards should be used as much as possible. Where other particular standards are used, whether national standards or other standards, the specifications should state that equipment, materials, and workmanship that meet other authoritative standards, and which ensure at least a substantially equal quality than the standards mentioned, will also be acceptable. The following clause may be inserted in the Special Conditions of Contract or the Technical Specifications.

Sample Clause: Equivalency of Standards and Codes

Wherever reference is made in the Technical Specifications to specific standards and codes to be met by the goods and materials to be furnished or tested, the provisions of the latest edition or revision of the relevant standards and codes shall apply, unless otherwise expressly stated in the Contract. Where such standards and codes are national or relate to a particular country or region, other authoritative standards that ensure substantial equivalence to the standards and codes specified will be acceptable.

Reference to brand name and catalogue number should be avoided as far as possible; where unavoidable they should always be followed by the words "*or at least equivalent.*" References to brand names cannot be used when the funding source is the GOP.

Where appropriate, drawings, including site plans as required, may be furnished by the Procuring Entity with the Bidding Documents. Similarly, the Supplier may be requested to provide drawings or samples either with its Bid or for prior review by the Procuring Entity during contract execution.

Bidders are also required, as part of the technical specifications, to complete their statement of compliance demonstrating how the items comply with the specification.

Technical Specifications

QTY	UNIT	Specification	Statement of Compliance
1	LOT	Firewall System and License Subscription (Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Configuration)	<i>[Bidders must state here either "Comply" or "Not Comply" against individual parameters of each Specification stating the corresponding performance parameter of the services offered.]</i>
		Interfaces and Modules	
		Hardware Accelerated GE RJ45 Interfaces	At least 16 ports
		Hardware Accelerated GE SFP Slots	At least 8 slots
		Hardware Accelerated 10GE SFP+ Slots	At least 4 slots
		Hardware Accelerated 10GE SFP+ Ultra Low Latency Slots	At least 4 slots
		GE RJ45 Management Ports	At least 2 ports
		USB ports	At least 1 port
		RJ45 Console Port	At least 1 port
		Trusted Platform Module (TPM)	Yes
		System Performance — Enterprise Traffic Mix	
		IPS Throughput	Max of 12 Gbps
		NGFW Throughput	Max of 10 Gbps
		Threat Protection Throughput	Max of 9 Gbps
		System Performance and Capacity	
		IPv4 Firewall Throughput (1518 / 512 / 64 byte, UDP)	Max of 79.5
		IPv6 Firewall Throughput (1518 / 512 / 64 byte, UDP)	Max of 79.5
		Firewall Throughput (Packet per Second)	Max of 105 Mbps
		Concurrent Sessions (TCP)	Max of 7.8 Million
		New Sessions/Second (TCP)	Max of 500 000
		Firewall Policies	10 000
		IPsec VPN Throughput (512 byte)	Max of 55 Gbps
		Gateway-to-Gateway IPsec VPN Tunnels	Max of 2000



	Client-to-Gateway IPsec VPN Tunnels	Max of 50 000 VPN tunnels	
	SSL-VPN Throughput	Max of 3.6 Gbps	
	Concurrent SSL-VPN Users (Recommended Maximum, Tunnel Mode)	Max of 5000 SSL-VPN users	
	SSL Inspection Throughput (IPS, avg. HTTPS)	Max of 6000	
	SSL Inspection Concurrent Session (IPS, avg. HTTPS)	Max of 800 000 concurrent sessions	
	Application Control Throughput (HTTP 64K)	Max of 28 Gbps	
	CAPWAP Throughput (HTTP 64K)	Max of 65 Gbps	
	Virtual Domains (Default / Maximum)	10/10	
	Maximum Number of FortiSwitches (or equivalent) Supported	Max of 72 switches	
	Maximum Number of FortiAPs (or equivalent) (Total / Tunnel)	Max of 512	
	Maximum Number of FortiTokens (or equivalent)	5000 tokens	
Dimensions and Power			
	Height x Width x Length (inches)	1.75 x 17.0 x 15.0	
	Form Factor	Rack Mount, 1 RU	
	AC Power Consumption (Average / Maximum)	154.8 W / 189.2 W	
	AC Power Input	100–240V AC, 50/60Hz	
	AC Current (Maximum)	6A	
Operating Environment and Certifications			
	Operating Temperature	32°–104°F (0°–40°C)	
	Airflow	Side and Front to Back	
	Compliance	FCC Part 15 Class A, RCM, VCCI, CE, UL/cUL, CB	
	Certifications	USGv6/IPv6	
Subscription			
	Bundle	Unified Threat Protection	
	Security Services	FortiGuard IPS Service or equivalent	
		FortiGuard Anti-Malware Protection (AMP) — Antivirus, Mobile Malware, Botnet, CDR, Virus Outbreak Protection and FortiSandbox Cloud Service or or equivalent	



			FortiGuard Web Security (or equivalent)— URL and web content, Video and Secure DNS Filtering or equivalent	
			FortiGuard Anti-Spam (or equivalent)	
		Hardware and Software Support	FortiCare Premium (or equivalent)	
Base Services				
			FortiGuard Application Control or equivalent	
			FortiCloud ZTNA Inline CASB Service or equivalent	
			Internet Service (SaaS) DB Updates	
			GeoIP DB Updates	
			Device/OS Detection Signatures	
			Trusted Certificate DB Updates	
			DDNS (v4/v6) Service	
		Inclusion:	Supply, Delivery, Installation, and Configuration	

I hereby verify to comply with all the above requirements.

Signature over the printed name of the authorized representative

Company Name

Date



Section VIII. Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents

Notes on the Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents

The prescribed documents in the checklist are mandatory to be submitted in the Bid, but shall be subject to the following:

1. GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020 on the efficient procurement measures during a State of Calamity or other similar issuances that shall allow the use of alternate documents in lieu of the mandated requirements; or
2. Any subsequent GPPB issuances adjusting the documentary requirements after the effectivity of the adoption of the PBDs.

The BAC shall be checking the submitted documents of each Bidder against this checklist to ascertain if they are all present, using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion pursuant to Section 30 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184.



Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents

I. TECHNICAL COMPONENT ENVELOPE

Class "A" Documents

Legal Documents

- (a) Valid PhilGEPS Registration Certificate (Platinum Membership) (all pages); **or**
- (b) Registration certificate from Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for sole proprietorship, or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for cooperatives or its equivalent document,

and

- (c) Mayor's or Business permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located, or the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas;

and

- (d) Tax clearance per E.O. No. 398, s. 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

Technical Documents

- (e) Statement of the prospective bidder of all its ongoing government and private contracts, including contracts awarded but not yet started, if any, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid; **and**
- (f) Statement of the bidder's Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) similar to the contract to be bid, except under conditions provided for in Sections 23.4.1.3 and 23.4.2.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, within the relevant period as provided in the Bidding Documents; **and**
- (g) Original copy of Bid Security. If in the form of a Surety Bond, submit also a certification issued by the Insurance Commission;
or
Original copy of Notarized Bid Securing Declaration; **and**
- (h) Conformity with the Technical Specifications, which may include production/delivery schedule, manpower requirements, and/or after sales/parts, if applicable; **and**
- (i) Original duly signed Omnibus Sworn Statement (OSS);
and
if applicable, Original Notarized Secretary's Certificate in case of a corporation, partnership, or cooperative; or Original Special Power of Attorney of all members of the joint venture giving full power and authority to its officer to sign the OSS and do acts to represent the Bidder.

Financial Documents

- (j) The Supplier's audited financial statements, showing, among others, the Supplier's total and current assets and liabilities, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the preceding calendar year which should not be earlier than two (2) years from the date of bid submission;

and

- (k) The prospective bidder's computation of Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC);



or

A committed Line of Credit from a Universal or Commercial Bank in lieu of its NFCC computation.

Class “B” Documents

- (l) If applicable, a duly signed joint venture agreement (JVA) in case the joint venture is already in existence;

or

duly notarized statements from all the potential joint venture partners stating that they will enter into and abide by the provisions of the JVA in the instance that the bid is successful.

II. FINANCIAL COMPONENT ENVELOPE

- (m) Original of duly signed and accomplished Financial Bid Form; **and**
 (n) Original of duly signed and accomplished Price Schedule(s).

Other documentary requirements under RA No. 9184 (as applicable)

- (o) *[For foreign bidders claiming by reason of their country’s extension of reciprocal rights to Filipinos]* Certification from the relevant government office of their country stating that Filipinos are allowed to participate in government procurement activities for the same item or product.
- (p) Certification from the DTI if the Bidder claims preference as a Domestic Bidder or Domestic Entity

