

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE ISSUES PAPER ON THE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

1. The *Philippine Competition Commission*, through the *2019 National Expenditure Program and Fiscal Year 2019 Early Procurement* intends to apply the sum of **One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP1,650,000.00)**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *Consulting Services for the Issues Paper on the Sugar Industry in the Philippines* under *Request for Expression of Interest (REI) No. 201901-0018*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the financial proposals.
2. The *Philippine Competition Commission* now calls for the submission of eligibility documents for *Consulting Services for the Issues Paper on the Sugar Industry in the Philippines*. Eligibility documents of interested consultants must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat on or before **08 February 2019, 11:00AM** at **25^F Vertis North Corporate Center 1, North Avenue, Quezon City**. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated based on a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from *Philippine Competition Commission* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during **Office Hours from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday)**.
4. The Bidding Documents – Part I may be acquired on **1 February 2019** by interested Consultants from the address below. Bidding Documents – Part II may only be acquired by Short Listed Consultants upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of **Two Thousand pesos (PhP 2,000.00)**.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

5. The BAC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted Expression of Interest, including the eligibility documents, and have been determined as eligible in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The short list shall consist of **three (3)** prospective bidders who will be entitled to submit bids. The criteria and rating system for short listing are:

Criteria	Weight (%)	Basis
Quality of the contractor to be assigned to the project	50%	Signed curriculum vitae submitted
Experience and capability of the bidder	30%	Records of previous engagements, quality, and extensive knowledge on Philippine agricultural sector
Current work load relative to capacity	20%	Records of on-going and previous engagements

Passing Score: 80%

6. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion as specified in the IRR of RA 9184.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, cooperatives, and partnerships or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.

7. The Procuring Entity shall evaluate bids using the ***Quality Based Evaluation (QBE)*** procedure. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
8. The contract shall be completed within ***Ten (10) Months***.
9. The ***Philippine Competition Commission*** 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 Section 41 of RA 9184 and its IRR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
10. For further information, please refer to:

THE SECRETARIAT

Bids and Awards Committee

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(Originally Signed)

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