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REGIONAL BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

EPA - IB No. 2023-01

**INVITATION TO BID FOR THE
Supply, Handling, Transport & Delivery of 2,000 bags AGSF, 746 bags
of 21-0-0, 899 bags of 0-0-60 and 400 bags of Organic Fertilizers under
Coconut Fertilization Project CY 2023 and Nutrient Support/Precision
Farming on Hybridization Project of the Coconut Farmers and
Industry Trust Fund
(EARLY PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES)**

1. The *Philippine Coconut Authority Region I, II, III and CAR* is conducting this procurement through the early procurement activities (EPA) for FY 2023 to ensure the timely delivery of goods, implementation of infrastructure projects and rendition of consultancy services, consistent with the GPPB Resolution No. 14-2019 dated July 17, 2019 where the procuring entity (PE) is encouraged to start procurement activity short of award.

EPA shall refer to the conduct of procurement activities, from posting of the procurement opportunity, if required, until recommendation of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) to the HoPE as to the award of the contract, for goods to be delivered, infrastructure projects to be implemented and consulting services to be rendered in the following fiscal year, pending approval of their respective funding sources.

The bidders, therefore, are herewith informed of the following:

- a) Interested bidders are invited/requested to submit their bid proposals based on indicative budget (i.e. subject to final approval) through this Invitation to Bid, together with the bidding documents;
- b) The PE will evaluate the bid proposals and determine the winning bidder. The financial bid proposal of the winning bidder will be contract price/amount which is considered fixed price. However, the Notice of Award (NOA) will only be issued upon the approval of the budget (i.e., short of award);
- c) Should there be a delay in the award as affected by the possible delay in the budget approval, the bid validity as specified in the bidding documents (which is a maximum of 120 calendar days), the winning bidder may be requested to extend the bid validity accordingly (that is, changing the expiration of the original bid security). In case of the bidder's refusal to extend the bid validity, the bid submitted by said bidder will be rejected.

In this regard, The *Philippine Coconut Authority Region I, II, III and CAR*, through the *Coconut Fertilization Project CY 2023 and Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund* intends to apply the sum of *Nine hundred forty thousand pesos (PhP940,000.00)* for *Lot 1-Supply, Handling, Transport & Delivery of 2,000 bags AGSF; One hundred forty-four thousand pesos (PhP144,000.00)* for *Lot 2-Supply, Handling, Transport & Delivery of 400 bags of Organic Fertilizers; and Three million three hundred ninety-five thousand three hundred eighty pesos (PhP3,395,380.00)* for *Lot 3- Supply, Handling, Transport & Delivery of 746 bags of 21-0-0 and 899 bags of 0-0-60 Fertilizers*, being the ABC to payments under the contract for each lot. Bids received in excess of the ABC for each lot shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

The contract to be awarded shall subject to:

- a) Existing DBM guidelines on Cash-Based Budgeting and other relevant regulations.
 - b) GPPB guidelines on the implementation of Early Procurement Activities (GPPB Circular 06-2019) which provides that this contract may only be awarded upon the approval and effectivity of 2023 GAA or the reenacted budget and the ABC therefore remains without any reduction. In the event that the amount authorized for this procurement has been reduced, the project may still be awarded to the recommended winning bidder if the contract price is within the amount authorized in the GAA or the reenacted budget.
2. The *Philippine Coconut Authority Region I, II, III and CAR* now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. Delivery of the Goods is required *within 60 calendar days after receipt of Notice to Proceed*. Bidders should have completed, within a period of *five (5) 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 procedures using a non-discretionary “*pass/fail*” criterion as specified in the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.
 - a. 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 *Philippine Coconut Authority Region I, II, III and CAR* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during *Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM*.
 5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on *February 3-27, 2023 and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of PhP1,000.00 for Lot 1, PhP500.00 for Lot 2 and PhP5,000.00 for Lot 3*. The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees *in person or through electronic means*.

6. The *Philippine Coconut Authority Region I, II, III and CAR* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference¹ on *February 14, 2023, 9:30 AM* at *Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Guest house building, PCA Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City* and/or through video conferencing or webcasting and/or through video conferencing or webcasting via *Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3801 5594, Passcode: 805693, which shall be open to prospective bidders.*
7. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through *manual submission* at the office address indicated below on or before *February 27, 2023, 9:30 AM*. 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 *February 27, 2023, 10:00 AM* at *Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Guest house building, PCA Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City* and/or via *Zoom Meeting ID: 862 7225 5750, Passcode: 400030*. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.
10. The *Philippine Coconut Authority Region I, II, III and CAR* 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.
11. For further information, please refer to:

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12. You may visit the following websites for downloading of Bidding Documents:

<http://www.philgeps.gov.ph> and

<https://pca.gov.ph/index.php/announcements/bid-bulletin>

February 1, 2023

Date of Issue

(SGD.) CHRICEPT T. VILORIA

RBAC Chairperson

¹ May be deleted in case the ABC is less than One Million Pesos (PhP1,000,000) where the Procuring Entity may not hold a Pre-Bid Conference.