

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
17th PB CY 2026 – Pre-Bid Conference
Venue: EUMB Conference Hall
Date: 9 July 2026
Day: Thursday
Time: 11:00AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretariat checked the attendance and declared a quorum with the following BAC Members in attendance:

BAC Members	Designation
1. Usec. R. V. Conquilla	Chairperson
2. Asec. M. F. F. Roa	Member
3. Dir. E. B. Morales	Member

BAC TWG	Designation
1. Atty. D. J. O. Suyat	Head
2. B. S. Elcamel (Virtual)	Member

BAC Sec	Designation
1. A. M. G. Realo	Head
2. I. B. Santos	Asst. Head
3. A. N. I. Osdon	Member
4. R. J. G. Villanueva	Member
5. A. L. P. Ornillo	Member
6. C. D. Mariano	Member
7. L. G. E. Lira	Member
8. K. T. Regala	Member

End-users	Office
1. Dir. P. G. Fondevilla	ITMS
2. R. C. Drapete	ITMS-ISD

Other Attendees	Office
1. J. J. A. Deogracias	AS-PMD
2. M. A. R. Cuevas	AS-PMD
3. J. P. D. Cidro (Virtual)	AS-PMD
4. S. M. Magdaraog	AS-PMD
5. P. J. M. Marqueta	AS-PMD
6. M. B. Dela Cruz	AS-PMD

With the declaration of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 11:00AM by Usec. Ronald V. Conquilla as the Presiding Officer.

The BAC Secretariat Asst. Head, Mr. Israel B. Santos informed the BAC that invitations for the in-house Commission on Audit (COA) and other representatives from the Non-Government Organizations (NGO) and Civil Society to attend the Pre-Bid Conference were officially sent to their respective offices.

II. MEETING AGENDA

Items for Bidding:

Particulars	ABC	End-user
1 Procurement of Design, Development, Integration and Implementation of the DOE Enterprise Automation and AI-Enabled Platform	350,000,000.00	ITMS-ITD

III. INTRODUCTION OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Prospective Bidders:

Name / Company	Item for Procurement
1. Barkero Vince Hermosura Multisys Technologies Corporation Socorro Louise Dela Cruz Controtek Solutions, Inc. Gaspar Sabarre, Jr. Exakt IT Services Gab Juico Angel Ong Jeenesh Entra KPMG R.G. Manabat & Co. Tina Rosalie Salcedo Jason Patrick Bueno Mon Carla Lagon Atty. Jessie Hilario Questronix Corporation Jack Reynolds Roel Cruz Ralph Villa MJ Madela-Bundoc Apollotech Software Corporation Jonathan Roque Plexus Systems Inc. Adrian Policarpio Sandy Aguirre	Procurement of Design, Development, Integration and Implementation of the DOE Enterprise Automation and AI-Enabled Platform ABC – 350,000,000.00

MaroonStudios Ryan Caballero Krystine Serrada Swarm Technologies Aldo Santos Embiggen X Nathan Ngo Climate Smart Ventures Martin Banaria ChatGenie Ragde Falcis eMudhra Erika Espejo Rajat Gurnani (Virtual) Infocentric Solutions Inc Rhenee Guiao (Virtual) Adrian Castro (Virtual) Aileen Cuadernal (Virtual) Charles Pantaleon (Virtual) Angelica Filasol (Virtual) Kyrsthel Joy Paragos (Virtual) Filmetrics Corporation Jaimee Manguiat (Virtual) Maki Tamayo (Virtual) Jerald Kyle (Virtual)	
Usec. Conquilla informed the potential bidders that the purpose of the Pre-Bid Conference is to give the interested bidders the opportunity to clarify matters related to the Bidding Documents including the Terms of Reference (TOR) and specifications. In cases that clarifications will result in the changes in the Bidding Documents, the BAC will issue the necessary Bid Bulletin which will form part of the Bidding Documents and will be binding to all the bidders. The interested bidders may further clarify matters related to the Bidding Documents by sending their clarification to BAC or to the BAC Secretariat either through written correspondence or electronic mail. The request for clarification should be submitted three (3) days after the Pre-Bid Conference. Requests for clarification that will be received beyond the allowable period cannot be acted upon by the BAC.	
IV. DELIBERATION/DISCUSSION AND ACTION	
<i>Agenda #1Procurement of Design, Development, Integration and Implementation of the DOE Enterprise Automation and AI-Enabled Platform; End-user – ITMS-ITD; ABC – PhP350,000,000.00</i>	

Bidders Inquiries:	
BARKERO INC.	BAC Response
Mr. Hermosura asked how the winning bidder would work with the existing developers maintaining the DOE's current systems.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that some of the existing systems have integration documentation that will be used as primary reference for the integration requirement. He also added that in contracts for support services, there is a provision which requires the service provider to render assistance to the automation contractor in integrating existing systems with the automation platform.
MULTISYS TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION	BAC Response
Ms. Dela Cruz clarified on which will they follow in the declaration of Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) – the bid data sheet requiring SLCC completed within 10 years or completed within 5 years indicated in the Terms of Reference (TOR).	Dir. Fondevilla responded that the End-User's requirement is an SLCC within the past 5 years and asked guidance from the TWG for the 10 years SLCC requirement indicated in the Bidding Documents. Usec. Conquilla responded that the 10 years requirement was a templated provision and if the End-User indicated 5 years in the TOR, then that will be adopted.
Ms. Dela Cruz asked for the nature of similar contracts that would satisfy the requirement.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that the enumerated contracts on pages 98 – 99 of the Bidding Documents, Clauses 6.1.3.1.1 - 6.1.3.1.7 were considered similar contracts.
Ms. Dela Cruz clarified in they can declare any from the enumerated since there was an indication that at least 3 or multiple projects of the listed components.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that as indicated in the TOR, at least 3 of the similar projects or multiple projects should have been implemented by the service provider.
Ms. Dela Cruz clarified if they need to declare multiple projects of aggregated value.	Dir. Fondevilla responded in the affirmative.
CONTROTEK SOLUTIONS INC.	BAC Response
On existing systems and technical environment, Mr. Sabarre asked how DOE would instruct the current vendors to work with the winning bidder since	Usec. Conquilla noted that a similar question was raised earlier. Dir. Fondevilla responded that some of the existing systems have integration

integration has to be coordinated with existing vendor	documentation that will be used as primary reference for the integration requirement. He also added that in contracts for support services, there is a provision which requires the service provider to render assistance to the automation contractor in integrating existing systems with the automation platform.
EXAKT IT SERVICES	BAC Response
On page 112, Annex A Hybrid Infrastructure Equipment, Mr. Juico asked, if possible, to have a copy of the floor plan or any supporting documents that can help in the installation of the system.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that providing the floor plan would be premature at this stage for security reasons. Instead, general information such as the floor area and the placement of equipment may be shared through a Bid Bulletin.
QUESTRONIX CORPORATION	BAC Response
On page 76 of the Bidding Documents, Clause 2.2.7, Mr. Cruz asked if there is an identified data size for migration to check if the hardware size is capable of handling the data.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that a Bid Bulletin will be issued clarifying the data size. He added that there is an excess size for the data storage in the warehouse.
On page 94 of the Bidding Documents, FR#43, Mr. Cruz asked for the number of users.	Dir. Fondevilla responded 1,600 end-users having various roles/capacities.
On licensing and warranty, Mr. Cruz clarified if the 3-years licensing/subscription on page 86 of the Bidding Documents, clause 3.15.6.2.1 includes the development phase since there is a 1-year software warranty indicated on page 106.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that the licensing/subscription will start upon acceptance of the system up to the next 3-years period. He added that a Bid Bulletin will be issued to reflect the duration of the project from 12 months to 10 months.
APOLLOTECH SOFTWARE CORPORATION	BAC Response
No questions.	
PLEXUS SYSTEMS INC.	BAC Response
Mr. Aguirre clarified if this is a new platform or enhancement of the existing system.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that the project intends the development of a new platform.
Mr. Aguirre asked if all existing systems need integration to the new platform.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that there are identified systems for integration in the system for this procurement. He added

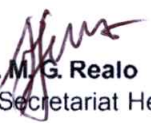
Mr. Aguirre asked if the DOE has any preference for a particular AI model/LLM.	that the list will be provided upon engagement. However, the automation project, as a whole, will require the integration of all systems to the new platform. Dir. Fondevilla responded that they will leave the identification of the suitable AI-models to the service provider.
SWARM TECHNOLOGIES	BAC Response
Mr. Santos asked if the hardware requires homomorphic encryption. On page 94 of the Bidding Documents, FR#43, Mr. Santos clarified if an integrated or interoperable solution is acceptable since there is an indication that the platform required should be maintained by the same manufacturer. On page 90 of the Bidding Documents, FR#16, Mr. Santos clarified if partnering with a Principal Certificate Authority (CA) or an accredited CA is acceptable since they are not the owner.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that homomorphic encryption is no longer required. Dir. Fondevilla responded that a Bid Bulletin will be issued to clarify the requirement. He added that the DOE has certain solutions in place and intends that the platform would integrate with the existing solutions or the provider, in its analysis of the requirement, could propose its own set of security solutions. Dir. Fondevilla responded that since the provider is required to engage with the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) on integration with the Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI), it stands to reason that partnering with a third party CA provider is allowed.
MAROONSTUDIOS	BAC Response
No questions.	
CLIMATE SMART VENTURES	BAC Response
On page 100 6.2.11, Mr. Banaria asked if the required 100% full time exclusivity of Team members will start after the issuance of Notice to Proceed (NTP) up to final acceptance including warranty or the 12-month period.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that the provision will run from NTP until final project acceptance only.
CHATGENIE	BAC Response
No questions.	
EMUDHRA	BAC Response

No questions.	
EMBIGGEN X	BAC Response
On page 70 of the Bidding Documents, Mr. Ngo clarified if a contracted zero data retention external API is acceptable since for any AI document triage under the exception or whether any AI processing must only be fully on premise with no external calls. On page 103 of the Bidding Documents, clause 8.2, Mr. Ngo clarified, if possible, to share in advance the available web box or arrange a technical walkthrough before the formal bid to help them in the confirmation of the required integration which can be delivered without modifying the EVOSS source code. On Eligibility Requirements, Mr. Ngo asked for guidance on the arrangements allowed for Joint Venture Agreements (JVAs) and subcontracting to ensure alignment based on the TOR. Mr. Ngo asked if there is a cost recovery or demobilization provider if the DOE, by chance suspends the project for reasons outside the control of the service provider.	Dir. Fondevilla responded that the project requires the creation of a local on-premise AI model where calls would primarily go. However, as indicated in the TOR, calls may be directed to the cloud-based AI model as a redundant solution. Dir. Fondevilla responded that a Bid Bulletin will be issued upon coordination with their technical team, if necessary. Atty. Suyat explained that on JVAs, both or all the partners must submit the same eligibility requirements such as PhilGEPS, SEC, DTI, Tax Clearance and Mayor's Permit. He added that for JVA, it may have a front partner who have the experience, contract and financial capacity to stand on behalf of the partnership and the agreement itself may be submitted during the Opening of Bids or they may have an undertaking to do the agreement when the contract will be awarded. For subcontracting, only non-essential portions of the project may be subcontracted and only up to 20% of the whole scope of work. The subcontractor must be legally, technically and financially capable as that of the main contractor because the liability of the main and subcontractor is one and the same. Asec. Roa added that the undertaking to join JVA should be submitted at the Opening of Bids. Usec. Conquilla responded that the bidder will be paid up to the point of their delivery of service based on the milestones. Dir. Fondevilla added that the contract allows for milestone payments.
KPMG R.G. MANABAT & CO.	BAC Response

On subcontracting, Atty. Hilario clarifies if PhilGEPS membership registration and SLCC is required. Atty. Hilario asked if they are free to use the GPPB-issued format TPF 6 since there is no indicated format for the Curriculum Vitae (CV). Atty. Hilario manifested, if possible, to submit an e-signed CVs of their experts located globally since there is no specific format during the initial stage since there is no required format. Atty. Hilario asked, if possible, to extend the deadline considering undergoing Apostille process. On page 98 of the Bidding Documents, Clause 6.1.3.1.1, Atty. Hilario asked, if possible, to include private institutions and not limit to government contracts. Atty. Hilario manifested that private institutions have best practices same with the government institutions but not as big project as with the government and suggests if they could combine 3 aggregated projects to be able to participate in the bidding process.	Asec. Roa responded that the subcontractor is not required to submit the SLCC and that of the primary bidder, but PhilGEPS membership registration is required. Dir. Fondevilla responded in the affirmative and should be notarized. Atty. Suyat responded that any document executed abroad, must be Apostilled since the document bears their signatures. He added that it may be notarized in their country of jurisdiction depending on their rules however the notarization can only be extended up to that jurisdiction and the Apostilled requirements still stand. The intent of the notarization of document simplifies the validation to the qualified bidder. Dir. Fondevilla further explained that even if there is no format required, the document being notarized will still be required and even if this was not indicated in the TOR, a bid bulletin will be issued to formalize the requirement. Usec. Conquilla responded that a Bid Bulletin will be issued, if considered, after discussing with the end-user since there is a timeline for the project. Dir. Fondevilla responded that government contracts are explicitly required since the project involves the creation of an enterprise system for the national government. Further, due to the shortened timeline, familiarity with government processes is necessary. Dir. Fondevilla asked the prospective bidder what kind of project would approximate the requirement since familiarity with the government systems is a must in the delivery of output in the given abbreviated timeline. Dir. Fondevilla responded that they will consider the manifestation as to the SLCC requirements but for the qualifications of the service provider, it must have completed a government
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Atty. Hilario asked if the required 25% will be triggered under the procurement law.	project. He added that a bid bulletin will be issued on the matter. Asec. Roa clarified that as stated in 6.1.8.1, the SLCC must be 50% of the ABC and added that the law allows an aggregation that there may be several contracts of similar in nature provided that 1 of which should have a 25% of the total ABC.
INFOCENTR & SOLUTIONS INC.	BAC Response
On page 92 of the Bidding Documents, FR#28, Mr. Pantaleon asked if there is an existing payment gateway. Mr. Pantaleon asked if the payment gateway registration will be the responsibility of the Department since the service provider can't register on the DOE's behalf. On page 95 of the Bidding Documents, FR#47, Mr. Pantaleon asked if there is an existing cloud-based disaster recovery or will be part of the scope of work. On page 96 of the Bidding Documents, Mr. Pantaleon manifested if they can extend the duration of deployment to go-live by month 4 in Phase I since there might be challenges in the updates and enhancements. On page 99 of the Bidding Documents, clause 6.1.7, Mr. Pantaleon asked if this requirement may be relaxed or possible to submit an equivalent requirement. On page 112 of the Bidding Documents, Mr. Pantaleon asked if	Dir. Fondevilla responded that there is an existing payment gateway and an electronic payment system is currently being developed and is slated to be ready by January 2027. Dir. Fondevilla responded in the affirmative and added that assistance to the winning service provider will be provided by the current provider. Dir. Fondevilla responded that the cloud-based disaster recovery for the automation platform a separate service from the one currently being used by the DOE. Usec. Conquilla responded that they take note of the manifestation and evaluate but no commitment of extension since this has been a committed target of the Secretary. Dir. Fondevilla asked the potential bidder for the equivalent requirement because this certification is a must. Mr. Pantaleon named a certification. Dir. Fondevilla responded saying that the certification mentioned by the potential bidder is a privacy-related certification. Information Security Management System (ISO 27001) covers multiple domains, not just privacy. Thus, the certification required in the TOR stands. Dir. Fondevilla responded in the affirmative.

there is an identified location and available power requirement for the infrastructure equipment. On page 98-99 of the Bidding Documents, Clause 6, Ms. Guiao clarified if 6.1.3 and 6.1.5 are 2 separate requirements to be submitted. Ms. Guiao asked if the Clause 6.1.5 is not necessarily 50% of the ABC separate from 50% SLCC and not aggregated.	Dir. Fondevilla responded in the affirmative. Dir. Fondevilla responded in the affirmative. Atty. Suyat manifested that the law allows not just 1 single contract and can be in aggregation of contracts with at least 50% of the ABC. Usec. Conquilla added that a Bid Bulletin will be issued clarifying the matter.
FILMETRICS CORPORATION	BAC Response
No questions.	
Usec. Conquilla informed the potential bidders that they may still send their questions and clarifications to the BAC Secretariat until 12:00NN of Monday, 13 July 2026.	
V. APPROVAL OF THE BID BULLETIN/SUPPLEMENTAL	
<i>Agenda #1 Procurement of Design, Development, Integration, and Implementation of the DOE Enterprise Automation and AI-Enabled Platform; End-user – ITMS-ITD; ABC – Php350,000,000.00</i> 1. Clarification on the declaration of S LCC in the Bid Bulletin from similar contracts within 10 years to within 5 years. 2. Size requirements for the placement of the system. 3. Clarification on the integration or interoperability of the solutions to the required platform. 4. Clarification on the notarization of CVs. 5. Inclusion of private institutions in the service provider qualifications. 6. Clarification of submitting aggregated contracts. 7. Adjustment on the duration of the project from 12 months to 10 months.	
VI. ADJOURNMENT	
A. Official Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.	

Prepared by:  A. L. P. Ornillo BAC Secretariat Team D Date: 9 July 2026 Checked and Verified:  A. M. G. Realo BAC Secretariat Head	Noted and Approved by BAC Members Present:  Usec. R. V. Conquilla
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