

Section I. Invitation to Bid

for the Maintenance Service Agreement for VMWare System

(Project Reference No. 2019-PB-VMS-021-01)

1. The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (PSALM) Corporation, through its 2019 Corporate Operating Budget intends to apply the total amount of **ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP1,700,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payment for the Maintenance Service Agreement for VMWare System. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. PSALM now invites bids for the Maintenance Service Agreement for VMWare System. Delivery of the Goods is required as indicated in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements of the Bidding Documents. Bidders must have completed, within three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a single contract similar to the Project which is equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC. 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) 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”.

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 5183.

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired beginning on 13 March 2019 from the address below and upon payment of an applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000.00).

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the websites of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) (<https://www.philgeps.gov.ph>) and PSALM (<https://www.psal.gov.ph>), provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from PSALM and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday.
6. PSALM will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 11:00 AM, Thursday, 21 March 2019 at the 24th Floor Vertis North Corporate Center I, Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105 which shall be open to prospective bidders.
7. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat at the address below on or before 11:00 AM, Thursday, 04 April 2019. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be at 11:15 AM, Thursday, 04 April 2019 at the 24th Floor Vertis North Corporate Center I, Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids shall not be accepted.

8. Provisionary Tax Clearance is not acceptable.
9. PSALM reserves the right to accept or 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

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