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## Procurement of Network Security Firewall

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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 project 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). Supplier as used in these Bidding Documents may likewise refer to a distributor, manufacturer, contractor, or consultant.

UN - United Nations.

## *Section I. Invitation to Bid*

## Invitation to Bid

for the Procurement of Network Security Firewall  
(Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01)

1. The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (PSALM) Corporation, through the 2021 Corporate Operating Budget intends to apply the total amount of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP3,500,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payment for the Procurement of Network Security Firewall. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. PSALM now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. The estimated delivery of the Goods is required by October 2021. 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 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.**

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 PSALM Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders starting 28 July 2021 from the given address and website(s) 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). The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees through electronic means.

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.psalm.gov.ph>),

provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

Payment for the Bidding Documents may be made online by depositing the fee to PSALM Land Bank of the Philippines account with the following details:

Name of Bank:	Land Bank of the Philippines
Branch:	Paseo de Roxas Branch
Account Name:	Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM)
Account Number:	1802-1019-68
LBP Swift Code:	TLBPPHMM

Thereafter, the Bidder must send the proof of payment and register its email address to the BAC Secretariat at [BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph).

6. PSALM will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on 10 August 2021 at 2:00 PM through videoconferencing or webcasting via Zoom, which shall be open to prospective bidders. Prospective bidders may manifest their intent to join the Pre-Bid Conference by emailing the BAC Secretariat. Thereafter, the meeting ID will be provided to the prospective bidders prior to the schedule.
7. Bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through online or electronic submission as indicated below on or before 24 August 2021 at 10:00 AM. Late bids shall not be accepted. Personal or manual submission of bids shall not be allowed.
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 conducted on 24 August 2021 at 11:15 AM through videoconferencing or webcasting via Zoom. Bids will be opened in the **presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.**
10. The detailed procedure for the electronic/online submission and opening of **bids is contained in Annex "A"** - General Policies and Procedures on Electronic/Online Submission and Receipt of Bids.
11. Bid envelopes not in compressed archive folders and are not password protected, shall be rejected. However, bid envelopes that are not properly sealed and marked or not properly compressed and password-protected, as required in the Bidding Documents, shall be accepted, provided that the bidder or its duly authorized representative shall acknowledge such condition of the bid as submitted.
12. PSALM 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.



13. For further information, please refer to:

THE CHAIRPERSON

Bids and Awards Committee

Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation

24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center 1, Astra corner Lux Drives

North Avenue, 1105 Quezon City

e-mail addres: [BAC2021@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:BAC2021@psalm.gov.ph) / [BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph)

Telephone No.: (02) 7902-9000

Fax No.: (02) 8248-4879

Website: <https://www.psalm.gov.ph>

14. You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: <https://www.philgeps.gov.ph>  
<https://www.psalm.gov.ph>

For online bid submissions: [bid.submission@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:bid.submission@psalm.gov.ph)

**Please see Annex "A" on the** General Policies and Procedures on Electronic/Online Submission and Receipt of Bids.



GLENN B. SANTOS  
Chairperson  
Bids and Awards Committee

## *Section II. Instructions to Bidders*

## 1. Scope of Bid

The Procuring Entity, PSALM Corporation, wishes to receive Bids for the Procurement of Network Security Firewall with Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01.

**The Procurement Project (referred to herein as “Project”)** and 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 2021 in the amount of THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PhP3,500,000.00).

2.2. The source of funding is the 2021 Corporate Operating Budget.

## 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 limited to those allowed under the rules may participate in this Project.

- 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** fifty percent (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

- 7.1. The Bidder may subcontract portions of the Project to the extent allowed by the Procuring Entity as stated herein, but in no case more than twenty percent (20%) of the Project.

The Procuring Entity has prescribed that subcontracting is not allowed.

- 7.2. Subcontracting of any portion of the Project does not relieve the Supplier of any liability or obligation under the Contract. The Supplier will be responsible for the acts, defaults, and negligence of any subcontractor, its agents, servants, or workmen as fully as if these were **the Supplier's own acts, defaults, or negligence, or those of its agents, servants, or workmen.**

## 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 e.
- 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 Section VII (Technical Specifications).

### 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 Declaration 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 22 December 2021. 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 of the first and second components of its Bid.

The Procuring Entity may request additional hard copies 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.

If the Procuring Entity allows the submission of bids through online submission or any other electronic means, the Bidder shall submit an electronic copy of its Bid, which must be digitally signed. An electronic copy that cannot be opened or is corrupted shall be considered non-responsive and, thus, automatically disqualified.

## 16. Deadline for Submission of Bids

16.1. The Bidders shall submit their bids on the specified date and time through online submission as indicated in paragraphs 7 and 9 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.

## 18. Domestic Preference

18.1. 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 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 maybe. In this case, the Bid Security as required by ITB Clause 15 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 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

- 20.1. 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

- 21.1. 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*

# Bid Data Sheet

ITB Clause							
5.3	<p>For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. completed within three (3) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.</li> <li>b. implementation of network security firewall</li> </ul>						
7.1	Subcontracting is not allowed.						
12	<p>The price of the Goods shall be quoted DDP in Manila and or the applicable International Commercial Terms (INCOTERMS) for this Project.</p> <p>Bid Prices shall be in Philippine Peso.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The amount of not less than PHP70,000.00 [2% of PHP3,500,000.00], <b>if bid security is in cash, cashier's/manager's check, bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit;</b> or</li> <li>b. The amount of not less than PHP175,000.00 [5% of PHP3,500,000.00], if bid security is in Surety Bond.</li> </ul>						
15	The guidelines on the online submission is specified <b>in Annex A “General Policies and Procedures on Electronic/ Online Submission and Receipt of Bids”</b> .						
19.3	<p>The Approved Budget for the Contract shall be as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #f4a460;"> <th style="text-align: center;">Name of Project</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Project Reference Number</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Procurement of Network Security Firewall</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2021-PB-NSF-052-01</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PHP3,500,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The NFCC computation must be sufficient for all contracts to be awarded to the bidder.</p>	Name of Project	Project Reference Number	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Procurement of Network Security Firewall	2021-PB-NSF-052-01	PHP3,500,000.00
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20.1	<p>The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid shall submit copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Latest income and business tax returns filed and paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS)</li> </ul>						

*NOTE: Latest Income Tax Return (ITR) shall refer to the ITR for the year 2020 filed in 2021. For new establishments which have no annual ITR yet, it shall refer to the most recent quarter's ITR. Further, for areas where e-filing is yet to be implemented, a Certification to that effect from BIR main office is acceptable.*

*Latest Business Tax Returns shall refer to the Value Added Tax (VAT) and/or Percentage Tax Returns, whichever is applicable covering the previous six (6) months prior to the submission of the post-qualification documents. For those with less than six (6) months of operations, this refers to the monthly business tax returns filed to date. Bidders filing both the VAT and Percentage Tax Returns must submit both returns.*

<p>a) Value Added Tax (VAT) - BIR Form No. 2550 covering the:</p> <p>i. the latest quarters (2550Q) (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021)</p>	<p>and/ or</p>	<p>b) Quarterly Percentage Tax Returns BIR Form No. 2551 covering the:</p> <p>i. the latest quarters (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021)</p>
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2. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Certificate of Registration or BIR Form 2303
3. Certificate from the manufacturer that the bidder is a certified reseller or partner of the proposed equipment.
4. Certification from the manufacturer that the bidder is certified to provide technical support.
5. Certificate of a local certified technical support engineer for network and security who is regular and locally employed under the **bidder's organization.**

21.1	No further instruction.
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*Section IV. General 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 prior to 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*

## Special Conditions of Contract

GCC Clause	
1	<p>Delivery and Documents -</p> <p>Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Supplier in accordance with the terms specified in Section VI (Schedule of Requirements) and Section VII (Technical Specifications).</p> <p><b>For purposes of this Clause the Procuring Entity's Representative at the Project Site is Mr. Ernesto Y. Tinaan, Jr.</b></p>
2.2	The terms of payment is indicated in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
5.1	The warranty is specified in Section VI (Schedule of Requirements) and Section VII (Technical Specifications).



## *Section VI. Schedule of Requirements*

# Schedule of Requirements

## 1) Warranty Period

- The warranty period shall be three (3) years for material/labor/onsite support.
- The warranty period for the hardware and software shall commence upon the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance by the Procuring Entity.
- The issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance is upon completion of the Required Documents and deliverables.

## 2) Required Documents

- Certificate of Warranty including the MSA period, Preventive Maintenance and Health Check Schedule; and
- Support Procedures and Problem Escalation.

## 3) Liquidated Damages

- Liquidated Damages will be imposed if the delivery of the required documents and any deliverables will not be accomplished by the winning bidder after forty-five (45) calendar days upon acknowledgment of the Notice to Proceed.
- The applicable rate for the liquidated damages is one-tenth (1/10) of one (1) percent of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay.
- Once the cumulative amount of liquidated damages reaches ten percent (10%) of the contract amount, the Procuring Entity may rescind or terminate the contract without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies available under the circumstances.

## 4) Payment Terms

- A one-time payment shall be made within 30 calendar days from the issuance of a Certificate of Final Acceptance by the end-user to the effect that the Goods have been rendered or delivered in accordance with the terms of this contract and have been duly inspected and accepted.

## 5) Retention

- The maximum deduction for the retention bond shall be five percent (5%) of the total amount of the contract.

## 6) Penalty

- A penalty of PhP100.00 for every unit for every hour of delay in repairing or replacing the defective unit/s shall be deducted from the 5% retention.
- In case of total depletion of the retention bond, the penalty shall be charged directly to the winning bidder.

7) Performance Security

- To guarantee the faithful performance by the winning bidder of its obligations under the contract, it shall post a performance security within a maximum period of ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the Notice of Award from PSALM and in no case later than the signing of the contract.
- The performance security shall be denominated in Philippine Pesos and posted in favor of PSALM in an amount not less than the percentage of the total contract price in accordance with the following schedule:

Form of Performance Security	Amount of Performance Security (Not less than the Percentage of the Total Contract Price)
<b>(a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check</b> issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank;	Five percent (5%)
(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank: Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial Bank if issued by a foreign bank;	
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.	Thirty percent (30%)

- Failure of the winning Bidder to comply with the abovementioned requirement shall constitute sufficient ground for the annulment of the award.

8) Delivery Schedule and Address

- The winning bidder must submit/deliver the Required Documents and other deliverables, not more than forty-five (45) calendar days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed and must be delivered at 24th Floor Vertis North Corporate Center 1, Astra corner Lux Drives, North Avenue, Quezon City.

## *Section VII. Technical Specifications*

# Technical Specifications

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	U/M
I	NETWORK SECURITY FIREWALL - PRIMARY SITE (SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS)	2	UNITS
	a) Implementation must be highly available or redundant.		
	b) Must have a redundant PSU per appliance.		
	c) High Availability Configurations - Active, Active-Active, Passive, Clustering.		
	d) IPS Throughput: At least 4 Gbps		
	e) NGFW Throughput: At least 3 Gbps		
	f) Threat Protection Throughput: At least 2.5 Gbps		
	g) Firewall Throughput (Packet Per Second): At least 15 Mbps		
	h) Concurrent Connections (TCP): At least 2.5 million		
	i) New Sessions/Second (TCP): At least 270,000		
	j) Gateway-to-Gateway IPsec VPN Tunnels: At least 2,400.		
	k) Client-to-Gateway IPsec VPN Tunnels: At least 15,000.		
	l) IPsec VPN Throughput (512 bytes): At least 12.8 Gbps		
	m) SSL-VPN Throughput: At least 1.8 Gbps.		
	n) Concurrent SSL-VPN Users: Minimum of 400		
o) SSL Inspection Throughput: At least 3.5 Gbps			
p) Onboard storage: At least 240 GB SSD			
II	NETWORK SECURITY FIREWALL - DR SITE (SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS)	1	UNIT
	a) Must have a redundant PSU		
	b) IPS Throughput: At least 1 Gbps		
	c) NGFW Throughput: At least 1 Gbps		
	d) Threat Protection Throughput: At least 1 Gbps		
	e) Firewall Throughput (Packet Per Second): At least 13 Mbps		
	f) Concurrent Connections (TCP): At least 1 million		
	g) New Sessions/Second (TCP): At least 50,000		
	h) Gateway-to-Gateway IPsec VPN Tunnels: At least 2,000.		
	i) Client-to-Gateway IPsec VPN Tunnels: At least 15,000.		
	j) IPsec VPN Throughput (512 bytes): At least 10 Gbps		
	k) SSL-VPN Throughput: At least 1 Gbps.		
	l) Concurrent SSL-VPN Users: Minimum of 400		
	m) SSL Inspection Throughput: At least 1 Gbps		
	n) Onboard storage: At least 240 GB SSD		
	NETWORK SECURITY FIREWALL - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIMARY AND DR SITE		
	a) The appliance vendor must have ICSA validated security and performance.		

	b) The appliance must be able to support SD-WAN.
	c) The Operating System must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Proprietary to prevent inheriting common OS vulnerabilities.</li> <li>o Residing on a flash disk for reliability over a hard disk.</li> <li>o Upgradeable via Web UI or TFTP.</li> </ul>
	d) System configuration on the device must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Be easily backup or restored via GUI and CLI to/from local PC, remote centralized management, or USB disk.</li> <li>o Provide configuration file through CLI command and readable by windows notepad.</li> <li>o Have an option to encrypt the backup file.</li> </ul>
	e) The appliance management shall be accessible through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o GUI using HTTP or HTTPS.</li> <li>o CLI console using console port, SSHv2, and telnet.</li> </ul>
	f) The appliance must have an option to implement local administrator password policy enforcement, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Minimum length, disallow password reuse, and password expiration.</li> <li>o Character requirements - Upper case, lower case, numbers, and unique character.</li> <li>o The admin authentication shall be facilitated by a local database, PKI &amp; remote services such as Radius, LDAP, and TACACS+.</li> <li>o The appliance shall support profile-based login account administration, offering gradual access control such as Policy Configuration &amp; Log Data.</li> </ul>
	g) The appliance shall be able to limit remote management access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o From a specific trusted network or host with the corresponding administrator account.</li> <li>o From certain interfaces.</li> <li>o The appliance shall allow administrators to set the administration idle timeout between 1 to 360 minutes.</li> <li>o The appliance shall facilitate administration audits by logging detailed activities such as management access and configuration.</li> </ul>
	h) The appliance must have the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Intrusion Prevention System, Antivirus Web Filtering, Application Control, User Group, Log &amp; report Configurations, and Cloud Sandboxing.</li> </ul>
	i) The appliance shall allow GUI configurations to external services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Identity Systems - Active Directory service, RADIUS, NAC system, endpoint management system.</li> <li>o External threat feeds URL list, IP list, domain name list and malware file hash.</li> </ul>
	j) The appliance shall provide complete visibility GUI panels and dashboards that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Utilizes data from options of local disk, external logging system.</li> <li>o Pulls data from supported external systems via REST APIs.</li> <li>o Draws real-time and historical data for displays of information in both text and visual format.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presents information visually using graphs, bubble charts.</li> <li>○ Allows filtering (e.g., using specific time range, the user ID or local IP address, application) and data drill-down.</li> </ul>
	<p>k) The appliance shall provide monitoring capabilities through GUI, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Static, dynamic, and policy routing status, DHCP service status, SD-WAN links status and usage, IPsec and SSL VPN sessions status, and user web-browsing quota status.</li> </ul>
	<p>l) The appliance must have the following VPN capabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The appliance must comply/support IPSEC and SSL VPN industry standards without additional external solutions, hardware, or modules.</li> <li>○ The appliance must have built-in hardware VPN acceleration to support IPSEC (DES, 3DES, AES) and SSL encryption/decryption.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support Aggressive and Main modes for VPN configuration.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support MD5 or SHA 1 authentication and data integrity.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support Automatic IKE (Internet Key Exchange) and Manual key exchange.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support NAT traversal.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support Extended Authentication.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support Hub and Spoke architecture.</li> <li>○ The appliance must integrate an SSL VPN solution, and there shall be no user-based licensing for SSL VPN.</li> <li>○ The appliance must support two modes of SSL VPN: Web and Tunnel Mode.</li> <li>○ The appliance must allow administrators to create multiple bookmarks to add to a group and make these bookmarks available for SSL-VPN users.</li> </ul>
	<p>m) The appliance shall allow SLA targets to be created. These are a set of constraints that are used in SD-WAN rules to control the paths that traffic takes. These constraints should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Latency threshold, Jitter threshold, and Packet loss threshold.</li> <li>○ The appliance shall provide settings to the characteristics of probes, including check interval, link failure, and restoration considerations.</li> <li>○ The appliance shall provide an option to disable the implicated static route when an interface is inactive.</li> </ul>
	<p>n) The appliance shall allow organizations to define SD-WAN rules used to control how sessions are distributed to SD-WAN interfaces. The definition of these rules shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Source: address and/or user group.</li> <li>○ Destination: address, applications, and/or dynamic IP database.</li> <li>○ Path control strategies.</li> </ul>
	<p>o) Administrators shall be able to configure both IPv4 and IPv6 DHCP services on an interface of the appliance. The interface shall automatically broadcast DHCP requests and then provide IP addresses, DNS server addresses, and the default gateway address to clients.</p>

	p) Administrators shall be able to configure an interface as a DHCP relay.		
	q) Administrators shall adjust the maximum transmission unit (MTU) of the packets that the appliance transmits to improve network performance.		
	r) The appliance shall support static routing.		
	s) Ability to define static routes with administrative distance and priority. Priority, which will artificially weigh the route during route selection. The higher the priority number, the less likely the route is to be selected over other routes.		
	t) Ability to define destinations in static routes using IP subnet, firewall address (including FQDN type) objects, and Internet service objects. Internet service objects are IP lists mapped to popular Internet services and reside on a dynamically updated database.		
	u) The appliance shall support blackhole routing. Blackhole routes are used to dispose of packets instead of responding to suspicious inquiries. It provides added security since the originator will not discover any information from the target network.		
	v) The appliance shall support reverse-path lookup (anti-spoofing). This feature can be disabled to enable asymmetric routing.		
	w) The appliance shall support Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), OSPFv2, and OSPFv3 routing protocols.		
	x) The appliance shall support BGP4 and BGP4+ routing protocols		
	<b>WAN SWITCH</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
III	a) Bidders must provide the layer-two switch with 24x BASE-T (10/100/1000) and 4x SFP+ (1/10GbE ports) for uplink ports. b) With stacking features. c) One dual-personality (RJ-45 or USB micro-B) serial console port. d) All cables, modules, and transceivers needed to connect the WAN switches to the appliance (firewall) and core switches must be supplied by the bidder.		
	<b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>LOT</b>
IV	1. SCOPE OF WORKS a) The winning bidder shall supply, deliver, and install all the provided equipment. b) The prospective bidder is responsible for checking and knowing the current setup and configurations of the existing firewall and network connections. c) The provided equipment (primary site) shall be implemented as a perimeter firewall and co-exist with the existing firewall appliance (to be implemented as an internal firewall by the current provider). d) Provide all the needed components, equipment, cables, transceivers to complete the setup and connections. PSALM shall not be responsible for the lack of any components/materials. It shall be the sole responsibility of the winning bidder to assess and re-assess all needed components/materials. e) Provide replacement of defective item/parts at no cost to PSALM. f) Provide unlimited technical phone consultation. g) Provide RCA (Root Cause Analysis) after solving the problem.		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h) Perform preventive maintenance (PM) and health check of all items included in items I, II, and III.</li> <li>i) The technical engineer must save a copy of the current configuration of the appliance before and after the PM.</li> <li>j) Include firmware updates, software patches, driver updates (minor and major releases), if available and applicable.</li> <li>k) After the PM, if the correction of the system, application of the patch, or the newest firmware is required, the technical engineer of the winning bidder must include it in the recommendation.</li> <li>l) The correction or application of the upgrade must be scheduled and applied by the technical engineer of the winning bidder and will be assisted by PSALM IT personnel.</li> <li>m) Provide a total of 10x on-site visits or local support for reconfiguration, changes, moves, adds, relocation, reprogramming, and other activities to be non-maintenance at no cost to PSALM.</li> </ul>
	<p>2. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) On-call support shall be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.</li> <li>b) One (1) hour response through a telephone call or email shall be provided from the first call or email by the PSALM Personnel.</li> <li>c) Onsite support must have a response time of not more than four (4) hours from the call-in cases where the phone or email support could not solve the problem.</li> <li>d) Resolution time and replacement of defective parts must not be more than four (4) hours from the first onsite visit.</li> </ul>
	<p>3. SERVICE UNIT PROVISION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If replacement parts/items are not available, bidders shall provide a service unit with equal or higher specifications during the repair of the unit.</li> <li>b) Replacement of defective parts must be free of charge to procuring entity.</li> </ul>
	<p>4. HELPDESK FACILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The bidder must have a 24 x 7 helpdesk system via phone and email support. The helpdesk system must automatically track, monitor, and escalate open cases until the issue is resolved and closed. The vendor should be ready for a site visit and show how their current helpdesk system works.</li> <li>b) Helpdesk service facility shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The technical engineer dispatch facility</li> <li>ii) Case logging and monitoring</li> <li>iii) Support history and reporting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p>5. SUPPORT PROCEDURES AND PROBLEM ESCALATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The bidder must provide procedures on support and problem escalation and provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 24x7 Telephone Number</li> <li>ii) 24x7 Cell Phone Number</li> <li>iii) Email Address</li> <li>iv) Procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>6. TRAINING</p> <p>a) Provide classroom-type training (Administration Training or Workshop) with an exam for two PSALM IT personnel.</p>
	<p>7. PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE / HEALTH CHECK TASKS AND SCHEDULE</p> <p>a) Provide a quarterly schedule for the preventive maintenance and health check.</p> <p>b) Preventive maintenance shall include the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Complete visual inspection of the equipment, fans, connections, and other peripherals.</li> <li>ii) Hardware performance checks, as required by PSALM Corporation.</li> <li>iii) Check the software, such as the size of files, clean-up of data, and the existence of updated back-ups.</li> <li>iv) Risk identification for known software irregularities and provision for software/patches updates.</li> <li>v) Conduct a complete diagnostic routine within the system.</li> <li>vi) Conduct cleaning of all items.</li> </ul>

*Section VIII. Checklist of Technical and  
Financial Documents*

# 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; 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.

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

- (m) **[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.
- (n) Certification from the DTI if the Bidder claims preference as a Domestic Bidder or Domestic Entity.

II. FINANCIAL COMPONENT ENVELOPE

- (a) Original of duly signed and accomplished Financial Bid Form; and
- (b) Original of duly signed and accomplished Detailed Bid Price Schedule.

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Form No. ELIG-01

List of all Ongoing Government and Private Contracts including Contracts Awarded but not yet Started

Business Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contract/ Project Cost	a. <b>Owner's Name</b> b. Address c. Telephone Nos.	Nature of Work	Bidder's Role		a. Date Awarded b. Date Started c. Date of Completion	% of Accomplishment		Value of Outstanding Works / Undelivered Portion
			Description	%		Planned	Actual	

Note: The following documents shall be submitted upon post-qualification:

1. Notice of Award and/or Contract
2. Notice to Proceed issued by the owner

Submitted by : \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name & Signature of Authorized Representative)

Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Form No. ELIG-02

Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract which is Similar in Nature During the last three (3) years

Business Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contract	a. <b>Owner's Name</b> b. Address c. Telephone Nos.	Nature of Work	Bidder's Role		a. Amount at Award b. Amount at Completion c. Duration	a. Date Awarded b. Contract Effectivity c. Date Completed
			Description	%		

Note: The following documents shall be submitted upon post-qualification:

1. Contract
2. Certificate of Completion/Acceptance

Submitted by : \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name & Signature of Authorized Representative)

Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_



Financial Documents for Eligibility Check

- A. Summary of the Applicant **Supplier's/Distributor's/Manufacturer's assets and liabilities** on the basis of the attached income tax return and audited financial **statement, stamped "RECEIVED" by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or BIR** authorized collecting agent, for the immediately preceding year and a certified copy of Schedule of Fixed Assets particularly the list of construction equipment.

		Year 20__
1.	Total Assets	
2.	Current Assets	
3.	Total Liabilities	
4.	Current Liabilities	
5.	Net Worth (1-3)	
6.	Net Working Capital (2-4)	

- B. The Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) based on the above data is computed as follows:

NFCC = [(Current asset - current liabilities) (15)] minus value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the project under ongoing contracts yet to be started coinciding with the contract to be bid.

or

Commitment from a licensed bank to extend to it a credit line if awarded the contract.

Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Supplier / Distributor / Manufacturer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

*If Partnership or Joint Venture, each Partner or Member Firm of Joint Venture shall submit Form No. ELIG-03.*

Joint Venture Agreement

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That this JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT is entered into By and Between \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age,  (civil status) , owner/proprietor of \_\_\_\_\_ and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_.

and -

\_\_\_\_\_, of legal age,  (civil status) , owner/proprietor of \_\_\_\_\_ a resident of \_\_\_\_\_.

That both parties agree to join together their manpower, equipment, and what is needed to facilitate the Joint Venture to participate in the Eligibility, Bidding and Undertaking of the here-under stated project to be conducted by the PSALM Corporation.

NAME OF PROJECT

CONTRACT AMOUNT

That both parties agree to be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment.

That both parties agree that \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the Official Representative of the Joint Venture, and is granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary and/or to represent the Joint Venture in the bidding as fully and effectively and the Joint Venture may do and if personally present with full power of substitution and revocation.

That this Joint Venture Agreement shall remain in effect only for the above stated Project until terminated by both parties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Designation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Designation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Firm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Firm

Witnesses

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, personally appeared:

Name	Identification Document	Issued on	Issued at

known to me and known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) pages, including the page whereon the acknowledgment is written and acknowledged before me that the same is his free and voluntary act and deed and/or that of the Corporation he represents.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, at the place and on the date first above written.

Notary Public

Doc. No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
Page No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
Book No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
Series of 2021.

Bid Securing Declaration Form

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_) S.S.

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BID SECURING DECLARATION  
Invitation to Bid: *[Insert Reference number]*

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To: ATTY. IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA  
President and CEO  
Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center Tower 1  
Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105

I/We, the undersigned, declare that:

1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Security, which may be in the form of a Bid-Securing Declaration.
2. I/We accept that: (a) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any contract with any procuring entity for a period of two (2) years upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and, (b) I/we will pay the applicable fine provided under Section 6 of the Guidelines on the Use of Bid Securing Declaration<sup>1</sup>, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the procuring entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the bid securing declaration under Sections 23.1(b), 34.2, 40.1 and 69.1, except 69.1(f), of the 2016 IRR of RA 9184; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake.
3. I/We understand that this Bid-Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid on the following circumstances:
  - (a) Upon expiration of the bid validity period, or any extension thereof pursuant to your request;
  - (b) I am/we are declared ineligible or post-disqualified upon receipt of your notice to such effect, and (i) I/we failed to timely file a request for reconsideration or (ii) I/we filed a waiver to avail of said right;

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<sup>1</sup> Issued by the GPPB through GPPB Resolution 03-2012 on 27 January 2012, as amended by GPPB Resolution 15-2014 dated 20 June 2014.

(c) I am/we are declared as the Bidder with the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid, and I/we have furnished the performance security and signed the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set my/our hands this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 at \_\_\_\_\_.

**[Insert NAME OF BIDDER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE]**  
**[Insert signatory's Title/Designation]**  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution], Philippines. Affiant/s is/are personally known to me and was/were identified by me through competent evidence of identity as defined in the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice (A.M. No. 02-8-13-SC). Affiant/s exhibited to me his/her [insert type of government identification card used], with his/her photograph and signature appearing thereon, with no. \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her Community Tax Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_ day of [month] [year].

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC  
Serial No. of Commission \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_  
Roll of Attorneys No. \_\_\_\_\_  
PTR No. \_\_, [date issued], [place issued]  
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Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee)

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WHEREAS, *[insert name of Bidder]* (hereinafter called the “Bidder”) has submitted his bid dated *[insert date]* for the *[insert name of contract]* (hereinafter called the “Bid”).

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that We *[insert name of Bank]* of *[insert name of Country]* having our registered office at *[insert address]* (hereinafter called the “Bank” are bound unto PSALM Corporation (hereinafter called the “Entity”) in the sum of *[insert amount]*<sup>2</sup> for which payment well and truly to be made to the said Entity the Bank binds himself, his successors and assigns by these presents.

SEALED with the Common Seal of the said Bank this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

THE CONDITIONS of this obligation are:

1. If the Bidder:
  - (a) withdraws his Bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid; or
  - (b) does not accept the correction of arithmetical errors of his bid price in accordance with the Instructions to Bidder; or
2. If the Bidder having been notified of the acceptance of his bid by the Employer during the period of bid validity:
  - (a) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, if required; or
  - (b) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

We undertake to pay to the Entity up to the above amount upon receipt of his first written demand, without the Entity having to substantiate his demand, provided that in his demand the Entity will note that the amount claimed by him is due to him owing to the occurrence of one or both of the two (2) conditions, specifying the occurred condition or conditions.

The Guarantee will remain in force up to and including the date *[insert days]*<sup>3</sup> days after the deadline for submission of Bids as such deadline is stated in the Instructions to Bidders or as it may be extended by the Entity, notice of which extension(s) to the Bank is hereby waived. Any demand in respect of this Guarantee should reach the Bank not later than the above date.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF THE BANK \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_ SEAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature, Name and Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>3</sup> Usually 28 days after the end of the validity period of the Bid. Date should be inserted by the Entity before the Bidding Documents are issued.

Form of Bid Security (Irrevocable Letter of Credit)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTY. IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA  
President and CEO  
Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center Tower 1  
Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105

Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
For Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called “Supplier” has undertaken in pursuance to (name of Project and contract number), and whereas it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Supplier shall furnish an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit for a sum specified therein as security for the faithful compliance of Supplier’s obligations in accordance with the Contract.**

WHEREAS, we have agreed to guarantee this obligation by Supplier.

THEREFORE, we hereby affirm that we are guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of Supplier, up to the total amount of \_\_\_\_\_ and we undertake to pay you, upon first written demand declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract and without cavil, or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of (amount of guarantee) as aforesaid, without you needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

This irrevocable guarantee is valid until the issuance by you of Notice of Final Acceptance.

This certification is being issued in favor of the said Supplier in connection with the requirements of bidding of (name of the procuring entity) for the above-mentioned contract. We are aware that any false statements issued by us makes us liable for perjury.



Name and Signature of Authorized

Financing Institution Officer : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

Concurred By:

**Name & Signature of Supplier's**

Authorized Representative : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

*Note:*

*The amount committed should be machine validated.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, personally appeared:

NAME

GOV'T ISSUED ID & NO. ISSUED AT/ON

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

known to me and known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) pages, including the page whereon the acknowledgment is written and acknowledged before me that the same is his free and voluntary act and deed and that of the Corporation he represents.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, at the place and on the date first above written.

Notary Public

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Conformity with Section VI (Schedule of Requirements) and  
Section VII (Technical Specifications)  
[Project Reference Number 2021-PB-NSF-052-01]

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(Name of Bidder) hereby undertakes that it shall COMPLY with the general requirements stated in Sections VI (Schedule of Requirements) and Section VII (Technical Specifications).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, personally appeared:

Name	Government-Issued ID & No.	Issued on	Issued at
(SUPPLIER)			

known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_) pages, including the page whereon this Acknowledgment is written, all pages signed by both parties and their instrumental witnesses, and they acknowledged before me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed and that of the Corporation they represent.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, on the date and place first above written.

Notary Public

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Omnibus Sworn Statement

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES     )  
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of legal age, *[Civil Status]*, *[Nationality]*, and residing at *[Address of Affiant]*, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:

1. I am the duly authorized and designated representative of *(Name of Bidder)* with office address at *(address of Bidder)*;
2. I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for *[Name of the Project]* of the *[Name of the Procuring Entity]*, as shown in the attached *[state title of attached document showing proof of authorization (e.g., duly notarized Secretary's Certificate, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Special Power of Attorney, whichever is applicable:)]*;
3. *(Name of Bidder)* is not **“blacklisted” or barred from bidding by the Government** of the Philippines or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or Local Government Units, foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the Government Procurement Policy Board, by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity as defined and provided for in the Uniform Guidelines on Blacklisting;
4. Each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
5. *(Name of Bidder)* is authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative(s) to verify all the documents submitted;
6. None of the officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of *(Name of Bidder)* is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;
7. *(Name of Bidder)* complies with existing labor laws and standards;
8. *(Name of Bidder)* is aware of and has undertaken the following responsibilities as a Bidder:

- a) Carefully examine all of the Bidding Documents;
  - b) Acknowledge all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the Contract;
  - c) Made an estimate of the facilities available and needed for the contract to be bid, if any; and
  - d) Inquire or secure Supplemental/Bid Bulletin(s) issued for the *[Name of the Project]*; and
9. *(Name of Bidder)* did not give or pay directly or indirectly, any commission, amount, fee, or any form of consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, to any person or official, personnel or representative of the government in relation to any procurement project or activity.
10. In case advance payment was made or given, failure to perform or deliver any of the obligations and undertakings in the contract shall be sufficient grounds to constitute criminal liability for Swindling (Estafa) or the commission of fraud with unfaithfulness or abuse of confidence through misappropriating or converting any payment received by a person or entity under an obligation involving the duty to deliver certain goods or services, to the prejudice of the public and the government of the Philippines pursuant to Article 315 of Act No. 3815 s. 1930, as amended, or the Revised Penal Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2021 at \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Bidder's Representative/Authorized Signatory***

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_ day of *[month]* *[year]* at *[place of execution]*, Philippines. Affiant/s is/are personally known to me and was/were identified by me through competent evidence of identity as defined in the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice (A.M. No. 02-8-13-SC). Affiant/s exhibited to me his/her *[insert type of government identification card used]*, with his/her photograph and signature appearing thereon, with no. \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her Community Tax Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_ day of *[month]* *[year]*.

NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC  
 Serial No. of Commission \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public for \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roll of Attorneys No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 PTR No. \_\_\_\_\_ *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*  
 IBP No. \_\_\_\_\_ *[date issued]*, *[place issued]*

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Invitation to Bid No: \_\_\_\_\_

To: The BAC Chairperson  
 Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation  
 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center Tower 1  
 Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105

Gentlemen and/or Ladies:

Having examined the Bidding Documents including Bid Bulletin Numbers *[insert numbers]*, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to *[supply/deliver/perform]* *[description of Goods]* in conformity with the said Bidding Documents for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ *[total Bid amount in words and figures]* or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of this Bid.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to deliver the Goods in accordance with the delivery schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

If our Bid is accepted, we undertake to provide a performance security in the form, amounts, and within the times specified in the Bidding Documents.

We agree to abide by this Bid for the Bid Validity Period specified in BDS provision for ITB Clause 14.2 and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

Commissions or gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Bid, and to contract execution if we are awarded the contract, are listed below:

Name and address of agent	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or gratuity
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**(if none, state "None")**

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your Notice of Award, shall be binding upon us.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive.

We certify/confirm that we comply with the eligibility requirements as per ITB Clause 5 of the Bidding Documents.

We likewise certify/confirm that the undersigned, *[for sole proprietorships, insert: as the owner and sole proprietor or authorized representative of Name of Bidder, has the full power and authority to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and **execute the ensuing contract, on the latter's behalf for the Name of Project of the Name of the Procuring Entity**]* *[for partnerships, corporations, cooperatives, or joint ventures, insert: is granted full power and authority by the Name of Bidder, to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract on the **latter's behalf for Name of Project of the Name of the Procuring Entity**].*

We acknowledge that failure to sign each and every page of this Bid Form, including the attached Schedule of Prices, shall be a ground for the rejection of our bid.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[in the capacity of]*

Duly authorized to sign Bid for and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

### Detailed Bid Price Schedule

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Procurement of Network Security Firewall  
Code: Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01

Date of Bidding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time of Bidding: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Supplier's Name/Address/Tel. No.)**

ITEM	Description	Unit Price (without RVAT) (PHP)	QTY	U/M	Total Price (without RVAT) (PHP)
I	Network Security Firewall - Primary Site		2	UNIT	
II	Network Security Firewall - DR Site		1	UNIT	
III	WAN Switch		2	UNIT	
IV	Other Requirements		1	LOT	

TOTAL PRICE (PHP) = \_\_\_\_\_

PLUS: 12% VAT = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL BID PRICE IN FIGURES (PHP) = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID PRICE IN WORDS (PHP) = \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

1. Total Bid Price shall not exceed the Approved Budget for the Contract.
2. **Section 32.2.1(a) of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 states that “[u]nless the Instructions to Bidders specifically allow partial bids, bids not addressing or providing all of the required items in the Bidding Documents/Request for Proposal including, where applicable, bill of quantities, shall be considered non-responsive and, thus, automatically disqualified. In this regard, where a required item is provided, but no price is indicated, the same shall be considered as non-responsive, but specifying a zero (0) or a dash (-) for the said item would mean that it is being offered for free to the Government, except those required by law or regulations to be provided.”**



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Authorized Official/Position

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Signature/Date

CONTRACT

Procurement of Network Security Firewall  
(Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01)

This CONTRACT is executed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 by and between:

The POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT (PSALM) CORPORATION with principal office address at the 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center 1, Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Avenue, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City, Philippines, represented by its President and Chief Executive Officer, IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA, duly authorized for this purpose under Board Resolution No. 2020-0226-07, dated 26 February 2020 as evidenced by the Secretary’s Certificate dated 01 March 2021, a copy which is attached as Annex “A”, hereinafter referred to as “PSALM”;

-and-

The \_\_\_\_\_ with principal office address at \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines, represented by its Authorized Representative, \_\_\_\_\_ duly authorized for this purpose under \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_ as evidenced by the \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_, a copy which is attached as Annex “B”, hereinafter referred to as “the SUPPLIER”;

ANTECEDENTS:

PSALM invited Bids for certain Procurement of Network Security Firewall with Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01 and has accepted a Bid by the Supplier for the supply of those Goods and Services for the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) amounting to THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP3,500,000.00)

After conducting the bidding through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion, the BAC recommended “the SUPPLIER” as the one who submitted the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Pesos (PHP \_\_\_\_\_), which recommendation was approved by PSALM.

ACCORDINGLY, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Contract, viz:
  - 1.1 the Invitation to Bid;
  - 1.2 the Supplemental Bid Bulletins;

Signed in the Presence of:

ERNESTO Y. TINAAAN, JR.  
TWG Head

Supplier

Representative

PSALM Corporation

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA  
President and CEO

Signed in the Presence of:

ERNESTO Y. TINAAN, JR.  
TWG Head

- 1.3 all bidding forms and documents;
- 1.4 **the Supplier’s Bid, including the Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents/statements submitted, including corrections to the bid resulting from PSALM’s bid evaluation;**
- 1.5 the Instruction to Bidders;
- 1.6 the Technical Specifications;
- 1.7 the General Conditions of Contract;
- 1.8 the Special Conditions of Contract;
- 1.9 the Performance Security;
- 1.10 the BAC Resolution No. SBAC-2021-\_\_\_\_;
- 1.11 **the Entity’s Notice of Award;**
- 1.12 **the Entity’s Notice to Proceed; and**
- 1.13 the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) Contract Review No. \_\_\_\_, series of 2021 dated \_\_\_\_ 2021.

The documents mentioned above shall **be collectively referred to as “Contract Documents”**.

- 2. All words and expressions shall have the same meaning as are respectively assigned to them in this CONTRACT and all documents deemed part of it, unless the context of the use of the words and expressions require otherwise.
- 3. In consideration of the payments to be made by PSALM to the Supplier as hereinafter mentioned, the Supplier hereby covenants with PSALM to provide the goods and services and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.
- 4. PSALM hereby covenants to pay the Supplier in consideration of the provision of the goods and services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the contract at the time and in the manner prescribed by this contract.
- 5. OGCC Approval. This Contract shall be subject to the review and approval of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel. Any of its ensuing comments, recommendations, or directives shall form part of this Contract.

Supplier

Representative

PSALM Corporation

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA  
President and CEO

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA, the President and CEO of PSALM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA

Signed, sealed, and delivered by \_\_\_\_\_, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (for the Supplier).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SUPPLIER)

Witnessed by:

ERNESTO Y. TINAAAN, JR.  
TWG Head

\_\_\_\_\_

Certification of funds availability:

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SOFÉ A. SOTERANA  
Department Manager, Controllershship  
PSALM Corporation

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, personally appeared:

Name	Identification Document	Issued on	Issued at
IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA			
(SUPPLIER)			

known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of four (4) pages, including the page whereon this Acknowledgment is written, all pages signed by both parties and their instrumental witnesses, and they acknowledged before me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed and that of the Corporation they represent.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, on the date and place first above written.

Notary Public

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Signed in the Presence of:

ERNESTO Y. TINAAAN, JR. \_\_\_\_\_  
TWG Head

Supplier

Representative

PSALM Corporation

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA  
President and CEO

Performance Security  
(To be submitted in the stationery of the Issuing Bank)

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*IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT*

Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stated Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Account Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center Tower 1  
Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105

Subject: Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_

We refer to the Philippine Bidding Documents for the Procurement of Network Security Firewall (Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01) as amended or otherwise **supplemented, (the “Bidding Documents”)**.

We hereby establish this Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. [●] (this **“SBLC”**) for the benefit of Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (the **“Beneficiary”**) **in an amount not exceeding a total of** \_\_\_\_\_ (PHP \_\_\_\_\_) **(the “Drawing Amount”)**. Funds under this SBLC are available to you at sight upon our receipt of a certificate in the form of Annex A attached hereto **(a “Demand Certificate”), notifying us of the occurrence of a Bid Security Drawing Event** as defined in the Instruction to Bidders, *viz*:

1. if the Bidder/Account Party:
  - (a) withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity specified in the Form of Bid;
  - (b) does not accept the correction of arithmetical errors of his bid price in accordance with Instructions to Bidders; or
2. if the Bidder/Account Party having been notified of the acceptance of his bid during the period of bid validity:
  - (a) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, if required; or
  - (b) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.
3. If the Bidder/Account Party does not comply with any of the other conditions set forth in Instruction to Bidders Clause 18.5.

The Demand Certificate shall upon presentment be appropriately completed and purportedly signed by your duly authorized officer, employee or signatory on or before the Expiration Date (as hereinafter defined). This SBLC does not contain any condition to drawing other than the confirmation by us that the Demand Certificate appears to comply on its face with the requirements of the immediately preceding sentence.

The SBLC shall be drawable at our office in Metro Manila, Philippines. We will pay amounts drawn hereunder from our general funds.

You shall present one Demand Certificate dated the date of presentation for each drawing hereunder to [name and address of issuing bank]. If you present the Demand Certificate by 10:00 a.m. local time on any day on which we are open for business **(each such day, a “Business Day”)**, in strict conformance with the terms and conditions of this SBLC, we will honor the same by making payment in immediately available funds, in accordance with your payment instructions and without any restrictions, conditions, inquiry or right of objection whatsoever on our part, without notice to the Account Party prior to such payment and notwithstanding any conditions, demands, or objections by the Account Party or any other party, without you having to further substantiate such demand, by 4:00 p.m. local time on such Business Day, otherwise we will honor your Demand Certificate by 10:00 a.m. local time the following Business Day.

If any demand for payment does not conform to the terms and conditions of this SBLC, we shall give you prompt notice of the same stating the reasons therefor and that we will, upon your request, hold any documents presented to us for five (5) Business Days or return the same to you. Upon being notified that any demand for payment did not conform to this SBLC, you may correct any such non-conforming demand; provided that such corrected demand shall be made and presented to us on or before the Expiration Date (as defined below).

This SBLC shall expire at 5:00 p.m. at our office on the earliest of the following: (i) the Stated Expiration Date; (ii) our honoring of the Demand Certificate/s presented hereunder that, in the aggregate, equal the Drawing Amount, and (iii) the surrender by you of the original SBLC for cancellation. The earliest of the foregoing dates is **referred to herein as the “Expiration Date.”** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this paragraph, this SBLC shall not terminate prior to the Stated Expiration Date for any reason whatsoever. Notwithstanding the occurrence of the Stated Expiration Date, We will honor and pay for the amount drawn by You as stated in the Demand Certificate; *provided*, that the Demand Certificate was presented to Us before the Expiration Date.

This SBLC sets forth in full our undertaking and references herein to any document, instrument or agreement, except the Demand Certificate/s referred to herein, shall not in any way amend, modify, amplify or limit our undertaking.

All documents presented to us in connection with any demand for payment hereunder, as well as all notices and other communications to us in respect of this SBLC shall be in writing and addressed and presented to us at our office at [address of issuing bank] Attention: [●], and shall make reference to this SBLC by number. You shall personally

deliver such documents, notices and other communications to us or send them to us by facsimile to [●], or such other number as we may specify from time to time in writing to you.

This **SBLC shall be subject to International Standby Practices 1998 (“ISP98”)** and in case of dispute arising from, or in connection with, the interpretation or implementation thereof, shall be subject to Philippine Law.

[Insert Date and Place of Issue]

Very truly yours,  
[Issuing Bank]



THIS ANNEX A IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF  
LETTER OF CREDIT NO. [●]  
DATED [●]

ANNEX A  
DEMAND CERTIFICATE  
[Date]

[Address of issuing bank]

Attention: [●]

Re: Demand for Payment under Letter of Credit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to your Letter of Credit No. [●] (the “**SBLC**”). Any term defined in the SBLC shall have the same meaning when used herein. A Bid Security Drawing Event has occurred and the Beneficiary hereby demands payment of [amount] under the SBLC, such payment to be made to [insert account instructions].

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate has been executed and delivered by the Beneficiary on the [●] day of [●].

POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Credit Line Certificate

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTY. IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA  
President and CEO  
Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor Vertis North Corporate Center Tower 1  
Astra cor. Lux Drives, North Ave., Quezon City 1105

CONTRACT/PROJECT : \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/FIRM : \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

BANK/FINANCING INSTITUTION : \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT : \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that the above Bank/Financing Institution with business address indicated above, commits to provide the <Contractor / Distributor / Manufacturer / Supplier>, if awarded the above-mentioned Contract, a credit line in the amount specified above which shall be exclusively used to finance the performance of the above-mentioned contract subject to our terms, conditions and requirements.

The credit line shall be available within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt by the <Contractor / Distributor / Manufacturer / Supplier> of the Notice of Award and such line of credit shall be maintained until the project is completed by the Supplier.

This Certification is being issued in favor of said <Contractor / Distributor / Manufacturer / Supplier> in connection with the bidding requirement of (Name of the Procuring Entity) for the above-mentioned Contract. We are aware that any false statements issued by us make us liable for perjury.

Name and Signature of Authorized Financing Institution Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Concurred By:

Name & Signature of <Contractor/Distributor/Manufacturer>  
Authorized Representative : \_\_\_\_\_  
Official Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

Note:  
*The amount committed should be machine validated.*

Republic of the Philippines)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) S.S.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, personally appeared:

Name	Government—issued ID & No.	Issued on	Issued at
(SUPPLIER)			

known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of three (3) pages, including the page whereon this Acknowledgment is written, all pages signed by both parties and their instrumental witnesses, and they acknowledged before me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed and that of the Corporation they represent.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, on the date and place first above written.

Notary Public

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Page No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
Book No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
Series of 2021.

Bank Guarantee Form for Warranty Coverage

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WHEREAS, [insert name and address of Supplier] (hereinafter called the **“Supplier”**) has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. [insert number] dated [insert date] to execute the contract for Procurement of Network Security Firewall (Project Reference No. 2021-PB-NSF-052-01 ) (herein called the **“Contract”**);

WHEREAS, it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Supplier shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a recognized bank for the sum equivalent to (10% of the Contract price) as security for compliance with the Contract;

WHEREAS, we have agreed to give the Supplier such a Bank Guarantee;

NOW THEREFORE, we hereby affirm that we are the Guarantor and responsible to you, on behalf of the Supplier, in an amount equivalent to (10% of the contract price), and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand and without cavil or argument, the aforesaid amount without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand for the sum specified therein.

We hereby waive the necessity of your demanding the said debt from the Supplier before presenting us with the demand.

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract to be performed there under or of any of the Contract documents which may be made between you and the Supplier shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition or modification.

This guarantee shall be valid until the expiration of the warranty period(s) for the Services provided for under the said Contract.

SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE GUARANTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF BANK \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex “A”

### General Policies and Procedures on Electronic/ Online Submission and Receipt of Bids

#### Legal Basis

The GPPB issued Resolution No. 09-2020 dated 07 May 2020 Approving Measures for The Efficient Conduct of Procurement Activities During A State of Calamity, or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Similar Restrictions. Among the measures introduced by the said Resolution are the following:

- a. All Procuring Entities (PE) are now encouraged to maximize the use of videoconferencing, webcasting and similar technology in the conduct of any of the BAC meetings and the determination of a quorum by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC). The use of digital signatures in procurement related documents is also encouraged.
- b. Bids may now be submitted through on-line submission. The online or electronic submission and receipt of bids for procurement modalities where a two-envelope procedure or sealed price quotation and use a two-factor security procedure consisting of an archive format compression and password protection is required.
- c. The BAC shall decide whether to allow the online or electronic submission and **receipt of bids based on the PE’s procurement needs and capabilities. It shall ensure the security, integrity and confidentiality of the bids submitted and generate an audit trail of transactions for the security, integrity and authenticity of the bid submissions.**

#### User Registration and Payment of Bidding Document Fee

1. The Bidder must pay for the amount indicated in the Invitation to Bid before the Bidder can send their bids through the PSALM online bidding system.
2. After paying the bidding document fee, the Bidder must send an email to the BAC Secretariat at [BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph) and must attach the following:
  - The picture or screenshot of the transaction or deposit slip
  - The valid email address that will be used in sending the bid
3. After receiving the above email, the BAC Secretariat will inform the PSALM ISTD to whitelist the provided email address and create and share the folder for the particular bidder.
4. The BAC Secretariat will email the Bidder to confirm the receipt of the above information together with the link of the shared folder created by the PSALM ISTD.

5. Only bidders who pay the Bid Document Fee shall be allowed to participate in the e-bidding activities and submit a bid.

Payments can be deposited thru PSALM LBP account with details below:

Name of Bank:	Land Bank of the Philippines
Branch:	Paseo de Roxas Branch
Account Name:	Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM)
Account Number:	1802-1019-68
LBP Swift Code:	TLBPPHMM

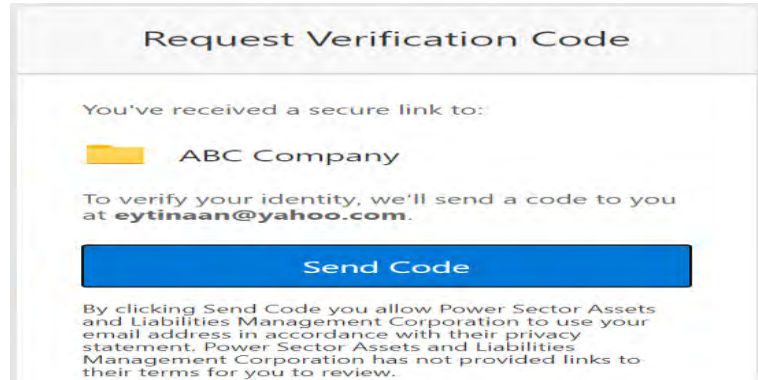
### Submission of Bids

1. The Invitation to Bid, including the Bidding Documents shall clearly state whether the submission and receipt of bids through electronic means is available for the procurement opportunity.
2. The Bidder shall submit their Bids by uploading it to the provided shared folder at any time before the closing date and time specified in the Bidding Documents.
3. Below are the procedures on how to upload the bidding documents, its format, and the documents it must contain.

Procedures / Steps on how to submit a Bidding Documents and other required documents

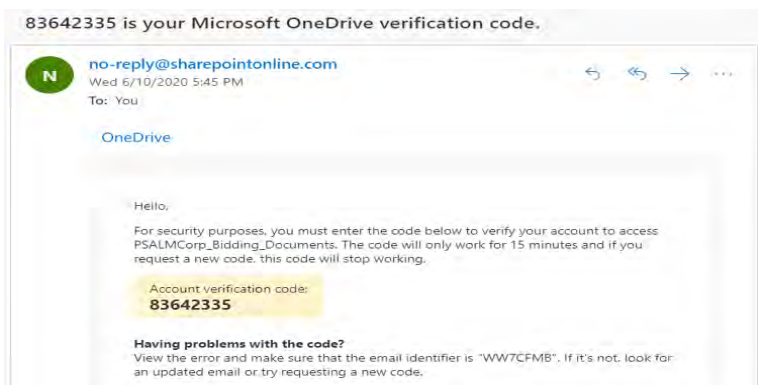
1. **The Bidder must follow the “User Registration and Payment of Bidding Document Fee” procedure before submitting the bidding documents.**
2. The BAC Secretariat will email the link of the shared folder to the registered email address of the bidder.
3. The Bidder needs to check the email (including the SPAM/Junk folder) from the PSALM BAC Secretariat that contains the link of the shared folder that the Bidder may use in submitting the required Bidding Documents and other requirements.
4. After receiving the email, the Bidder will need to click the link sent by the PSALM BAC Secretariat or copy and paste it to the address bar of any browser.
5. **The verification page will appear. The Bidder will need to click the “Send Code” button.**

- Verification Page



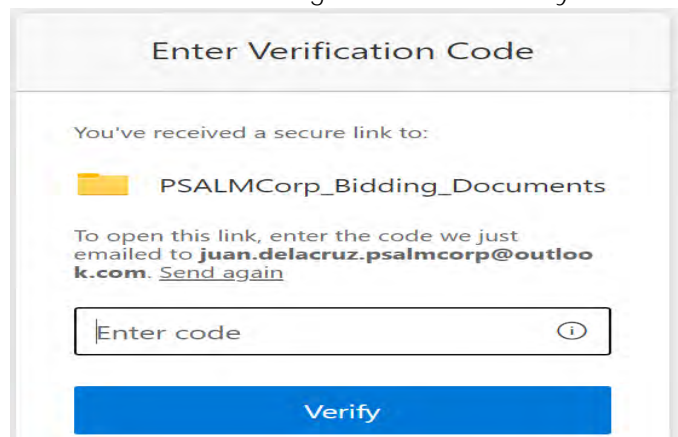
6. After clicking the “Send Code” button, the verification code will be sent to the Bidder’s registered email address.

- Verification Code email message



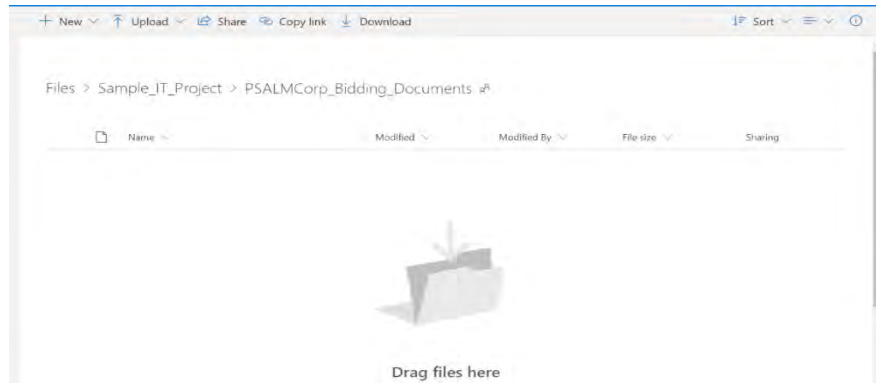
7. Input the verification code to the Verification Page and click verify.

- Verification Page
- The Bidder should enter the code immediately since it has an expiration time. An error will occur once the code has expired.



“The existing code expired, we've sent an email with a new code to [juan.delacruz.psalmlcorp@outlook.com](mailto:juan.delacruz.psalmlcorp@outlook.com). Please use the latest email that has the email identifier ZYWS02C.”

8. After verifying the code, the Bidder will be redirected to the shared folder page.



9. The Bidder can now start uploading the Bidding Documents and other requirements until the deadline of submission.
- Bidder is advised to upload the bidding documents before or at least 30 minutes ahead of the deadline. This approach will prevent the Bidder from rushing the Bidding Documents uploads and will have time in reporting if any problem is encountered.
10. An On-line Bidder may modify its bid at any time before the closing date and time for the submission and receipt of bids. The Bidder can delete and upload another Bid equally secured and properly identified. The time indicated in the latest uploaded Bid shall be the official time of submission. Bids submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted.
11. The Bidder must use a two-factor security procedure consisting of an archive format compression and password protection to ensure the security, integrity and confidentiality of the bids submitted. The bids shall be composed of the following:
- a. A password protected zipped file containing the two PDF files.
  - b. The two PDF files must be named with the following format:
    - i. First Envelope
    - ii. Second Envelope
  - c. The first PDF file should be password protected and corresponds to each section of the technical and legal documents, i.e., PhilGEPS Registration Certificate, Statement of all on-going contracts, SLCC, Bid Security, Conformity with Technical Specification, Omnibus Sworn Statement, Forms and Annexes, etc.
  - d. The second PDF file must be also password protected and should contain the financial bid.



- Note: The two PDF files should have different passwords. This is to avoid opening the two files at the same time, and when the documentary bid fails during its opening, the financial bid would remain intact and unopened.

12. The Bidder must also upload a text file or notepad file with the following details:

File Name: ***Bidder'sCompany Name\_ProjectName.txt***

Contents of the File:

Procurement Project Title:

Project Reference No.:

Company Name:

Address:

**Name of the bidder's authorized representative:**

Contact Nos.:

Email address:

13. After uploading all the requirements, the Bidder must send an email to the BAC Secretariat at [BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph) and [bid.submission@psalm.gov.ph](mailto:bid.submission@psalm.gov.ph) to confirm the uploaded documents and requirements. The Bidder must attach the picture or screenshot of the uploaded documents and requirements.

Files > Sample\_IT\_Project > PSALMCorp\_Bidding\_Documents

Name	Modified	Modified By	File size	Sharing
RFP_Palo_Alto_Firewall.zip	A few seconds ago	juan.delacruz.psalmlcorp@	151 KB	Shared
Company Name_Project Name.txt	32 minutes ago	juan.delacruz.psalmlcorp@	159 bytes	Shared

14. The BAC Secretariat shall send an email to the bidder acknowledging and **confirming the bidder's** submission.

15. The BAC shall bar all incoming bids after the closing date and time. Upon reaching the deadline of the certain project, the BAC Secretariat will inform the PSALM ISTD to remove the sharing of the folder.

16. After removal of the sharing of the particular folder, the Bidder will not be able to submit any revised documents and requirements.

17. An On-line Bidder may withdraw its bid before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.

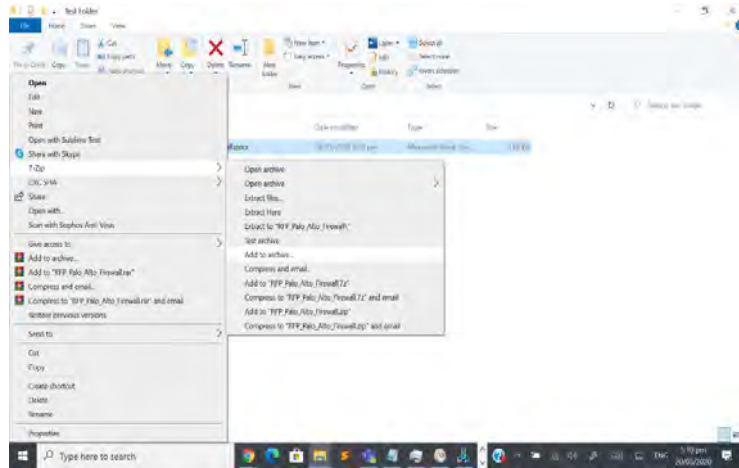
## Procedures / Steps on how to ZIP a File with Password

1. User can download a free file archiver software though this link <https://www.7-zip.org/>

2. Install the downloaded software

3. Right click the document that needs to be archived

4. Select 7-zip > Add to archive...



5. Select the destination of the file

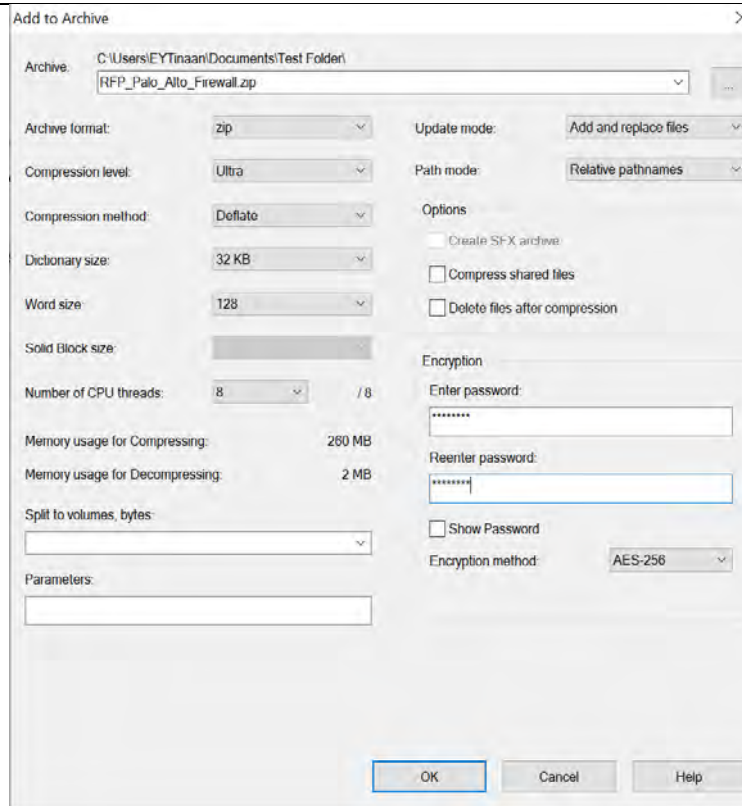
6. Make sure to choose the following:

- a. Archive format - ZIP
- b. Encryption method - AES-256
- c. Compression level - ULTRA
- d. Leave other options to their default value

7. Input the password to the two password fields

8. Make sure that the Show Password is uncheck

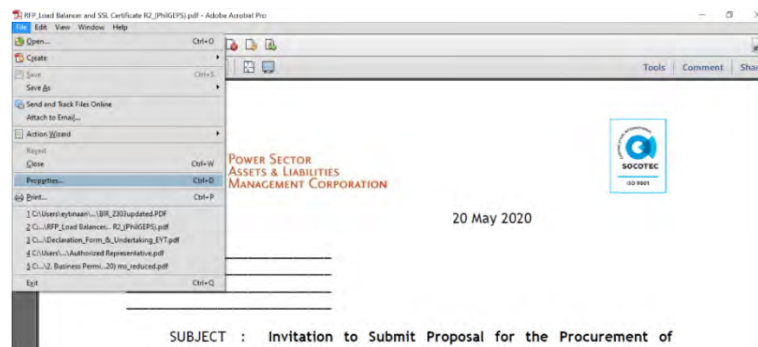
9. Click OK to continue



## Procedures / Steps on how to protect a PDF file

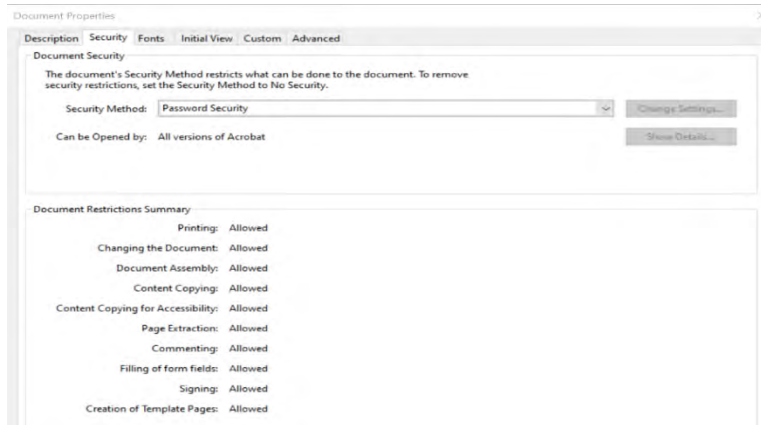
1. Before protecting or putting a password into a PDF file, the user must have an Adobe Acrobat paid version installed or any software that can protect a PDF file.
2. Open the PDF file that needs to be protected. Make sure to open the file to a software that can protect a PDF document. In this example, we used the Adobe Acrobat Pro (Paid Version).

3. Click File > Properties.

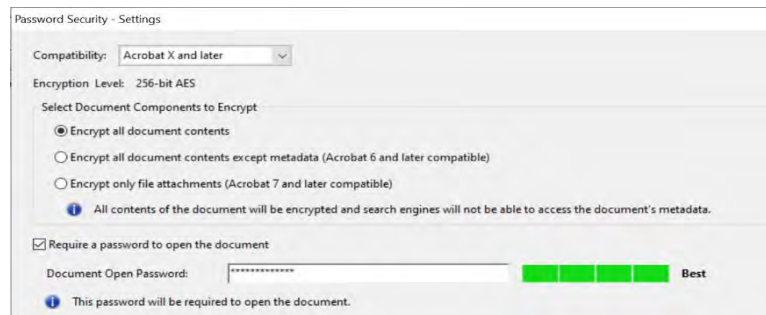


4. Select the Security Tab.

5. In Security Method field, select Password Security.

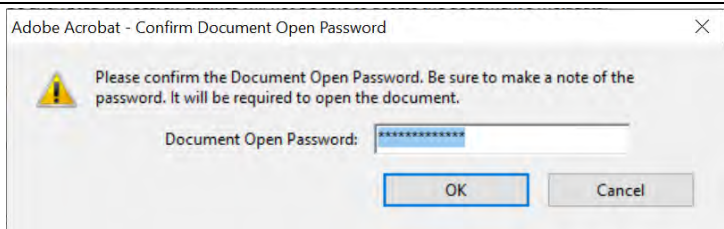


6. In Password Security settings, select the Acrobat X and Later for the Compatibility field.



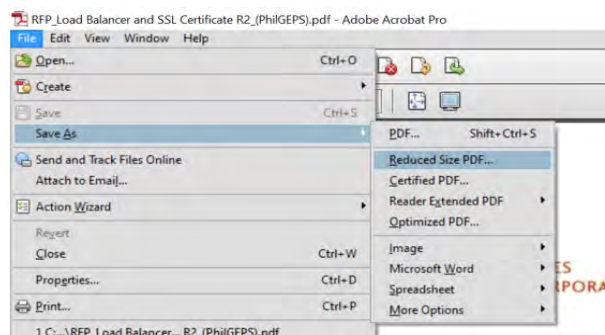
7. Tick the checkbox of Require a password to open the document and input the desired password in the password field.
8. Leave all other options to their default values.

9. Confirm the password and click OK.
10. Save the changes made to the file.

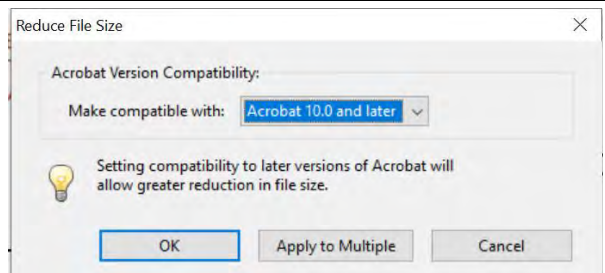


### Procedures / Steps on how to reduce the size of the PDF file

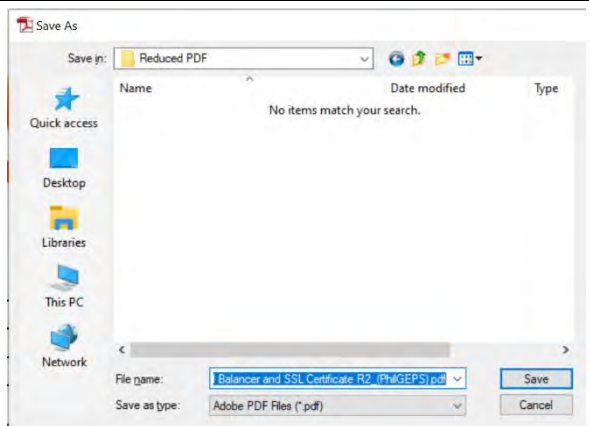
1. Before reducing the capacity/size of the PDF file, the user must have an Adobe Acrobat paid version installed or any software that can reduce the size of the PDF file.
2. Open the PDF file that needs to reduce the capacity/size. Make sure to open the file to a software that can reduce a PDF document. In this example, we used the Adobe Acrobat Pro (Paid Version).
3. Click the File > Save As > Reduced Size PDF.



4. In Make compatible with option, select Acrobat 10.0 and later.
5. Click OK to continue.



6. The Save As window will occur. Select the folder/directory where you want to save the reduced file and enter the name of the file.
7. Compare the original file and the modified file by checking the property size.
8. If successful, the modified file capacity size should be smaller than the original.



## Opening of Bids

1. The BAC shall open the bids immediately after the deadline for submission and receipt of bids, and on the bid opening date.
2. During the bid opening, the BAC will make use of appropriate teleconferencing software wherein all bidders are invited to participate including the observers.
3. Before the decryption of electronic bids, the Bidder shall confirm that what the BAC received and what the BAC is about to open is the same file that the Bidder uploaded.
4. The passwords for accessing the files will be disclosed by the Bidder only during the actual bid opening through videoconferencing, webcasting or similar technology. If the password fails to open the file, the Bidder should be given only three tries until the BAC could declare it to be disqualified.
5. The BAC shall open the first PDF file of the Bidder who submitted bids **electronically to determine each Bidder's compliance with the** documents required to be submitted for eligibility, that is, legal, technical and financial eligibility documents; and for the technical requirements. For this purpose, the BAC shall check the submitted documents of each Bidder against a checklist of required documents to ascertain if they are all present, using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion. **If a Bidder submits the required document, it shall be rated "passed" for that particular requirement. In this regard, bids that fail to include any requirement or are incomplete or patently insufficient shall be considered as "failed". Otherwise, the BAC shall rate the Bidder "passed" in relation to the eligibility and technical documents in the first PDF file.**
6. Immediately after determining compliance with the requirements in the first PDF file, the BAC shall open the electronically submitted second PDF file of **each eligible Bidder whose first PDF file was rated "passed."** The second PDF file of each complying Bidder shall be opened within the same day.
7. The BAC shall thereafter proceed to decrypt the electronic Second PDF file of each **On-line Bidders whose electronic first PDF file was rated "passed" to determine each Bidder's compliance with the required financial documents.**
8. In case one or more of the requirements in the second PDF file of a particular bid is missing, incomplete or patently insufficient, and/or if the submitted total bid price exceeds the ABC, the BAC shall rate the bid concerned as **"failed"**.
9. Only bids that are determined to contain all the bid requirements for both **components shall be rated "passed" and shall immediately be considered for evaluation and comparison.**

The BAC shall then:

- a. Record all the financial bids but should not be visible to all participants.
- b. After all the financial bids were recorded, the BAC finally shows the financial bids of all bidders and declare who among the bidder is the lowest bidder.

