

04 June 2021

SUBJECT : Invitation to Submit Proposal for the Procurement of One Year Subscription of Newspapers (Project Reference No. 2021-SVP-NP-030-01)

Dear _____:

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management (PSALM) Corporation is procuring the Subscription of Newspapers for One (1) Year with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP250,000.00)**, inclusive of delivery costs and all applicable taxes.

In this regard, may we invite your company to submit a proposal for this project based on the requirements set in the *Terms of Reference* (Annex A), and the *Detailed Bid Price Schedule* (Annex B).

Your proposal shall include copies of the following documents:

1	Certification of PhilGEPS Registration/ PhilGEPS Registration Number ¹
2	Current and valid business permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located, or the equivalent document in case of an economic zone.
3	Latest income tax returns filed and paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS). Latest annual 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.

¹ Note: Only PhilGEPS registration number (Red Membership) is required for this project and not necessarily Platinum membership. Nevertheless, in view of State of Emergency and implementation of community quarantine, expired PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Membership) with application for renewal and official receipt shall be accepted, subject to submission of PhilGEPS Certificate after award of contract but before payment.

4	<p>Latest Business Tax Return, which refers to the Value Added Tax (VAT) and/or Percentage Tax Returns covering the previous six (6) months:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 331 1334 678"> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 331 772 678"> <p>a) Value Added Tax (VAT) - BIR Form No. 2550 covering the:</p> <p>i. the latest quarters (2550Q) (i.e. 4th Quarter of 2020 and 1st Quarter of 2021)</p> <p>ii. the latest month (2550M) (i.e. April 2021)</p> </td> <td data-bbox="772 331 876 678" style="text-align: center;"> <p>and/ or</p> </td> <td data-bbox="876 331 1334 678"> <p>b) Quarterly Percentage Tax Returns BIR Form No. 2551 covering the:</p> <p>i. the latest quarters (i.e. 4th Quarter of 2020 and 1st Quarter of 2021)</p> <p>ii. the latest month (i.e. April 2021)</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Bidders filing both VAT and Percentage Tax Returns must submit both returns, or the equivalent documents in case of foreign bidders.</p>	<p>a) Value Added Tax (VAT) - BIR Form No. 2550 covering the:</p> <p>i. the latest quarters (2550Q) (i.e. 4th Quarter of 2020 and 1st Quarter of 2021)</p> <p>ii. the latest month (2550M) (i.e. April 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. 4th Quarter of 2020 and 1st Quarter of 2021)</p> <p>ii. the latest month (i.e. April 2021)</p>
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5	<p>Notarized Omnibus Sworn Statement (Annex C).</p> <p>The Omnibus Sworn Statement must be accompanied by a duly notarized Secretary's Certificate, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Special Power of Attorney, whichever is applicable, stating that the signatory is the duly authorized representative of the prospective bidder, and 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.</p>			
6	<p>Detailed Bid Price Schedule (Annex B) / Total Bid Price in Figures (PHP)</p>			

In addition, the Bidder shall submit the following documents during post-qualification:

1. Registration certificate from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for sole proprietorship, or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for cooperatives, charter for government entity, or any proof of such registration.
2. Latest Tax Clearance per E.O. No. 398, s. 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). Provisionary Tax clearance is not acceptable under GPBB Resolution No. 1-2014.
3. Original copy of the notarized Omnibus Sworn Statement.

The Invitation to Submit Proposal may be downloaded from the websites of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) (<https://www.philgeps.gov.ph>) and the PSALM (<https://www.psalm.gov.ph>), provided that Bidder shall pay the applicable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (PHP500.00)**, not later than the deadline for submission of proposals.

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 Mgt. Corp.
(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.

Kindly submit your sealed proposal in electronic form (PDF with complete attachments) or password-protected proposal in a compressed archive folder to the email address: bid.submission@psalm.gov.ph on or before **10:00 AM, 08 June 2021**. Thereafter, proposals will be opened at **10:15 AM, 08 June 2021** through videoconferencing/webcasting via Zoom Cloud Meetings application. The TWG/End-user will provide and send the meeting ID to the bidder/s prior to the opening of proposals.

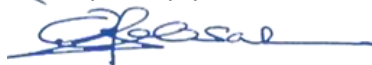
The passwords for accessing the file will be disclosed by the Bidders only during the actual bid opening. If the password fails to open the file, the Bidder shall be given only three tries until the BAC shall declare it to be disqualified. Bidding Documents not in compressed archive folders and are not 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. The detailed procedure for electronic/online bid opening is contained in the General Policies and Procedures for Electronic/Online Submission and Receipt of Bids (Annex E).

For further information, please refer to:

THE MANAGER

Human Resource and Administrative Services Department (HRASD)
Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation
24th Floor Vertis North Corporate Center 1, Astra cor. Lux Drives,
North Avenue, 1105 Quezon City
Telephone No.: (02) 902-9094
e-mail: gbsantos@psalm.gov.ph;

Very truly yours,



GLENN B. SANTOS
Manager, HRASD

ANNEX "A"

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

**Procurement of One Year Subscription of Newspapers
(Project Reference No. 2021-SVP-NP-030-01)**

1. APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT

The supplier shall bid for all items described in this Terms of Reference, which shall not exceed the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP250,000.00)**, inclusive of delivery costs and all applicable taxes.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Supplier shall deliver all required newspapers to the PSALM Corporation every day not later than 7:00 AM, as listed below:

Item No.	Description	Quantity
1.	Manila Bulletin - Mon to Fri	1305
2.	Manila Bulletin - Sat	104
3.	Manila Bulletin - Sun	104
4.	Phil. Star - Mon to Fri	1566
5.	Phil. Star - Sat	104
6.	Phil. Star - Sun	104
7.	Phil. Daily Inquirer - Mon to Fri	3393
8.	Phil. Daily Inquirer - Sat	104
9.	Phil. Daily Inquirer - Sun	104
10.	Daily Tribune - Mon to Fri	522
11.	Daily Tribune - Sat to Sun	208
12.	Business World - Mon to Fri	1566
13.	Business Mirror - Mon to Fri	522
14.	Business Mirror - Sun	104
15.	Malaya - Mon to Fri	522
16.	Manila Times - Mon to Fri	522
17.	Manila Times - Sat to Sun	208
18.	Standard Today - Mon to Fri	522
19.	Standard Today - Sat to Sun	208
	Total	11792

3. DELIVERY ADDRESS

PSALM Corporation

24th Floor Vertis North Corporate Center I, Astra corner Lux Drives, North Avenue, Quezon City

4. CONTRACT DURATION

The contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, unless sooner terminated for cause. It may be extended in accordance with GPPB rules.

5. TERMS OF PAYMENT

A monthly payment shall be made, based on the actual number of delivered newspapers, within fifteen (15) working days upon issuance of the Statement of Account (SOA) by the Supplier and upon submission of Certificate of Actual Newspaper Deliveries for the billing period to be signed by the Manager, Administration and General Services Division.

Non-delivery and/or delay in the delivery will result in the payment of corresponding penalties. A penalty of PhP5.00 for every newspaper, for every hour and a fraction thereof of delay in the delivery from 7:30 AM, shall be deducted from the monthly payment. Any delivery beyond 12:00 PM shall be considered as non-delivery of items.

The total amount of undelivered items shall also be deducted in the billing for the month where the non-delivery is incurred.

PSALM reserves the right to vary at any time the newspaper requirements which may be in the form of increase or reduction in the number of required newspapers per month, but the amount should not exceed the ABC.

ANNEX "B"

Detailed Bid Price Schedule

Date: _____

Project: Procurement of One Year Subscription of Newspapers

Code: Project Reference No. 2021-SVP-NP-030-01

Contractor's Name/Address/Tel. No.:

(Bidder Name/Address/Tel. No.)

After having carefully read and accepted the terms and conditions in the Terms of Reference for the **Procurement of One Year Subscription of Newspapers (Project Reference No. 2021-SVP-NP-030-01)**, I/we quote you on the item at prices noted below:

Item No.	Description	(A) Quantity	(B) Price per Copy	(C=A x B) Total Cost
1.	Manila Bulletin - Mon to Fri	1305		
2.	Manila Bulletin - Sat	104		
3.	Manila Bulletin - Sun	104		
4.	Phil. Star - Mon to Fri	1566		
5.	Phil. Star - Sat	104		
6.	Phil. Star - Sun	104		
7.	Phil. Daily Inquirer - Mon to Fri	3393		
8.	Phil. Daily Inquirer - Sat	104		
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11.	Daily Tribune - Sat to Sun	208		
12.	Business World - Mon to Fri	1566		
13.	Business Mirror - Mon to Fri	522		
14.	Business Mirror - Sun	104		
15.	Malaya - Mon to Fri	522		
16.	Manila Times - Mon to Fri	522		
17.	Manila Times - Sat to Sun	208		
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	Total	11792		

Bid Price (PHP)

In figure

Add: 12% VAT

Total Bid Price (PHP)

In figure

Total Bid Price (PHP)

In words

Note:

1. Total Bid/Quoted Price must be valid for a period of Thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the submission of the quotation.
2. The Total Bid/Quoted Price shall not exceed with the Approved Budget for the Contract inclusive of VAT.
3. Section 32.2.1(a) of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 states that “Unless 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”.

Signature Over Printed Name of Contractor/
Authorized Representative

ANNEX “C”

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF _____) S.S.

OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT

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 in compliance with the Philippine Bidding Documents, which includes:
- 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.

[Insert NAME OF BIDDER OR ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE]

[Insert signatory's legal capacity]
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ___ day of _____ 2021, Philippines.

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ANNEX “D”

CONTRACT

**FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION OF NEWSPAPER
(Project Reference No. 2021-SVP-NP-030-01)**

Signed in the Presence of:

GLENN B. SANTOS
Department Manager, HRASD
PSALM Corporation

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 24th 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”;

Supplier

Representative

ANTECEDENTS:

PSALM submitted a request to its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) for the Procurement of One Year Subscription of Newspaper (Project Reference No. 2021-SVP-NP-____-01), through Negotiated Procurement (Small Value Procurement), with an Approved Budget for the Contract of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP250,000.00)**, inclusive of taxes.

Pursuant to such request, the BAC sent out Requests for Proposal (RFP) to at least three suppliers of known qualifications and at the same time, posted the RFP in the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and PSALM’s websites and at conspicuous areas of its premises for three (3) calendar days.

PSALM Corporation

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA
President and CEO

Based on the Abstract of Quotations gathered from the proposals submitted, the BAC recommend the SUPPLIER as the one who submitted the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Quotation in the amount of _____ (PHP _____) (“Contract Price”), which recommendation was approved by PSALM.

Signed in the Presence of:

Supplier

PSALM Corporation

GLENN B. SANTOS
Department Manager, HRASD
PSALM Corporation

Representative

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA
President and CEO

ACCORDINGLY, the Parties 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 Supplier's proposal, including the Technical and Financial Proposals, and all other documents/statements submitted, including corrections to the bid resulting from PSALM's bid evaluation;
 - 1.2 the RFP, including Terms of Reference;
 - 1.3 the BAC Resolution No. SBAC-2021-_____;
 - 1.4 the Entity's Notice of Award;
 - 1.5 the Entity's Notice to Proceed; and
 - 1.6 the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) Contract Review No. ____, series of 2021 dated _____ 2021.
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 the contract.
5. Indemnification. The Supplier hereby agrees to hold PSALM free and harmless from all and any damages and liabilities that may be filed against Supplier or Supplier's personnel by reason of their employment by the Supplier under decrees and/or laws pertinent to employer-employee relationship.
6. Non-Waiver. The failure of PSALM to insist upon a strict performance of any of the terms, conditions and covenants hereof shall not be deemed a relinquishment or waiver of any of the rights or remedies that PSALM may have, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default of its terms, conditions and covenants which shall continue to be in full force and effect. Silence on the part of PSALM shall not be considered as condonation or waiver of any breach or default by the Supplier of any covenant or condition herein provided. No waiver by the PSALM of its rights under this Contract shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by PSALM through its duly authorized representative.

Signed in the Presence of:

GLENN B. SANTOS
Department Manager, HRASD
PSALM Corporation

Supplier

Representative

PSALM Corporation

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA
President and CEO

7. Liquidated Damages. The Supplier shall be liable for payment of liquidated damages in case of breach of any provisions of this Contract, as provided in Section 68 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act". Without prejudice to its other remedies under this Contract and under the applicable law, PSALM may deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, the applicable rate of one tenth (1/10) of one (1) percent of the cost of the unperformed portion for every day of delay until actual delivery or performance. The maximum deduction shall be ten percent (10%) of the amount of contract. Once the maximum is reached, the PSALM may rescind or terminate the Contract, without prejudice to other courses of action and remedies open to it.
8. Amendments. Amendments to this Agreement may only be made by mutual written agreement of the parties.
9. Dispute. In case of a dispute between the parties, the same shall be resolved in accordance with Republic Act (R.A.) 876, as amended by R.A. 9285, otherwise known as the "Arbitration Law" and the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004," respectively.
10. If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such term or provision to person whose circumstances other than those as to which it was held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby.
11. The terms, conditions, and covenants of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties, successors, or assigns.
12. 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.

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 Authorized Representative of _____.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Witnessed by:

GLENN B. SANTOS
Department Manager, HRASD
PSALM Corporation

Certification of Funds Availability:

SOFE A. SOTERAÑA
Department Manager, Controllership
PSALM Corporation

Signed in the Presence of:

Republic of the Philippines)
_____) s.s.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in _____, Philippines, this ___ day of _____, personally appeared:

GLENN B. SANTOS
Department Manager, HRASD
PSALM Corporation

Name	Identification Document	Issued on	Issued at
IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA	Passport No. P0087701B	03 January 2019	DFA Manila

known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of five (5) 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 Corporations they represent.

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

Supplier

Representative

Notary Public

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PSALM Corporation

IRENE JOY BESIDO-GARCIA
President and CEO

ANNEX “E”

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 and bid.submission@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.

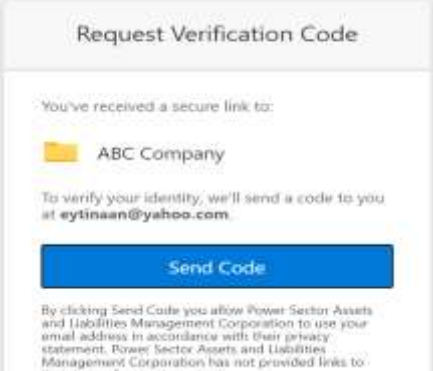
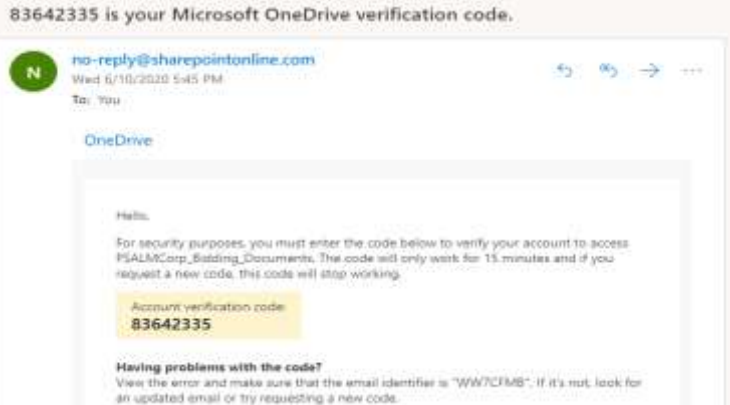
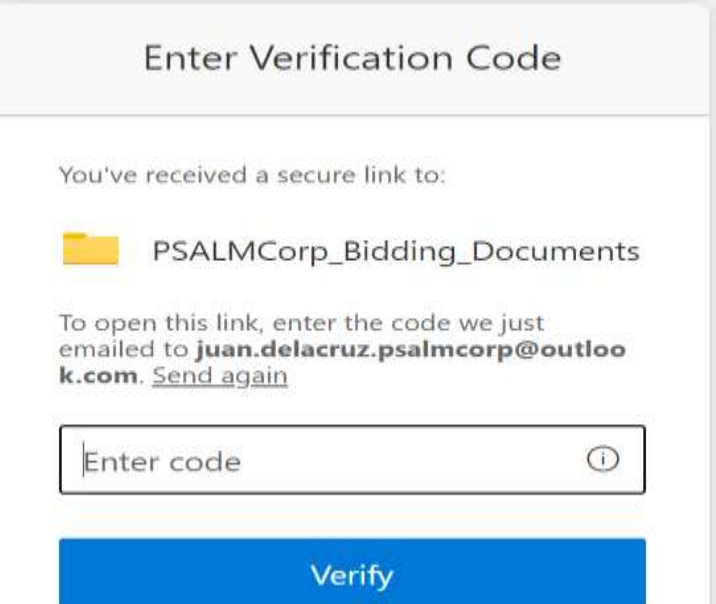
Payments can be deposited thru PSALM LBP account with details below:

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

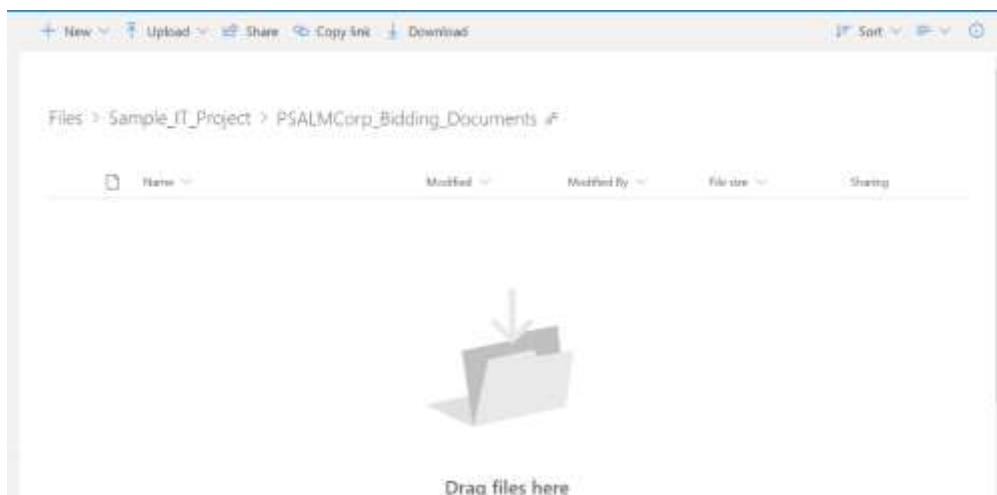
1. The Invitation to Bid, including the Bidding Documents shall clearly state whether the submission and receipt of bids through electronic means is available for the procurement opportunity.
2. The Bidder shall submit their Bids by uploading it to the provided shared folder at any time before the closing 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.

Procedures / Steps on How to Submit a Bidding Documents and Other Required Documents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification Page 	
<p>6. After clicking the “Send Code” button, the verification code will be sent to the Bidder’s registered email address.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification Code email message 	
<p>7. Input the verification code to the Verification Page and click verify.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification Page • The Bidder should enter the code immediately since it has an expiration time. An error will occur once the code has expired. 	
<p>“The existing code expired, we've sent an email with a new code to</p>	<p>juan.delacruz.psalmcorp@outlook.com. Please use the latest email that has the email identifier ZYWS02C.”</p>

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



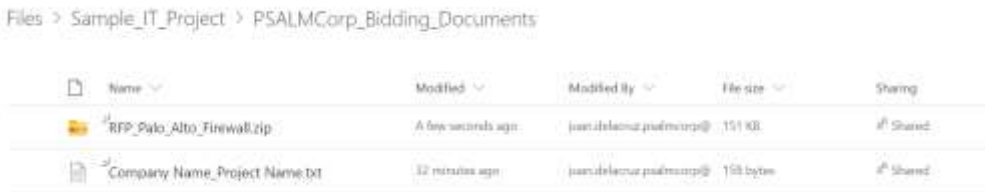
9. The Bidder can now start uploading the Bidding Documents and other requirements until the deadline of submission.

- 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 documentary and legal requirements, i.e. SEC Registration, DTI or Business Permit, Tax Certificates, Section VII - Technical Specification, Brochures, 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

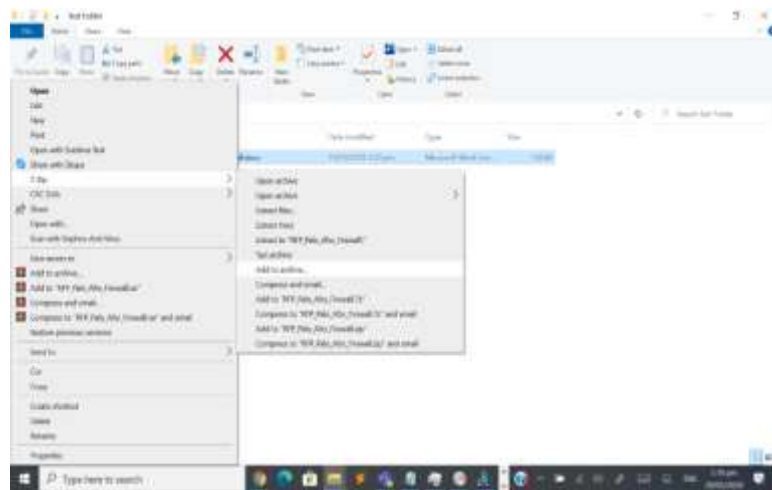
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<p>documentary bid fails during its opening, the financial bid would remain intact and unopened.</p>
<p>12.The Bidder must also upload a text file or notepad file with the following details:</p> <p>File Name: <i>Bidder’sCompany Name_ProjectName.txt</i> Contents of the File: Procurement Project Title: Project Reference No.: Company Name: Address: Name of the bidder’s authorized representative: Contact Nos.: Email address:</p>
<p>13.After uploading all the requirements, the Bidder must send an email to the BAC Secretariat at BACSec2021@psalm.gov.ph and 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.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a file explorer window with the path 'Files > Sample_IT_Project > PSALMCorp_Bidding_Documents'. It displays a table of files with columns for Name, Modified, Modified By, File size, and Sharing. The first file is 'RFP_Palo_Alto_Firewall.zip' (151 KB) and the second is 'Company Name_Project Name.txt' (158 bytes).</p>
<p>14.The BAC Secretariat shall send an email to the bidder acknowledging and confirming the bidder’s submission.</p>
<p>15.The BAC shall bar all incoming bids 30 minutes 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.</p>
<p>16.After removal of the sharing of the particular folder, the Bidder will not be able to submit any revised documents and requirements.</p>
<p>17.An On-line Bidder may withdraw its bid before the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.</p>

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...

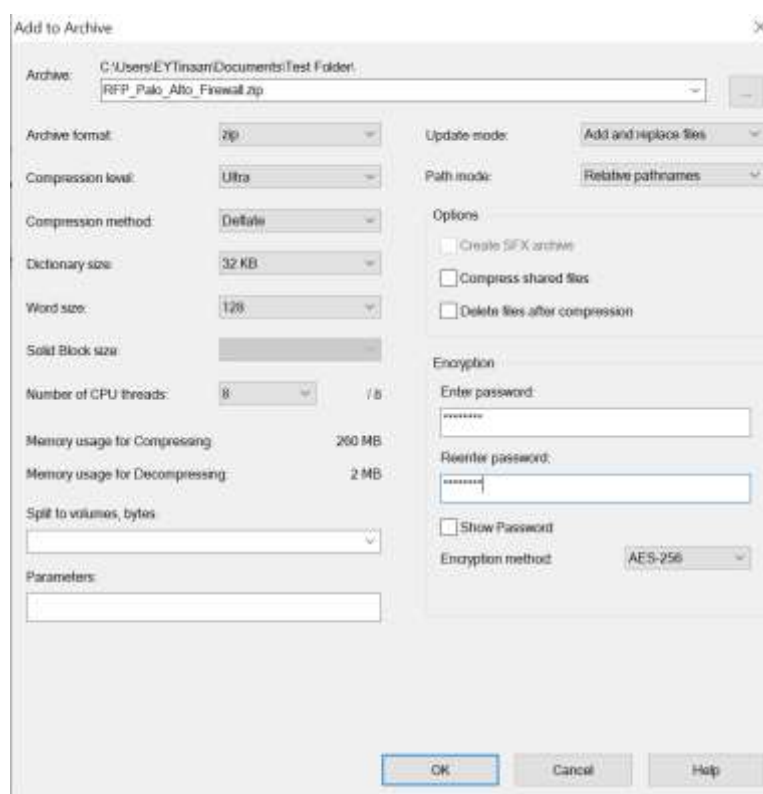


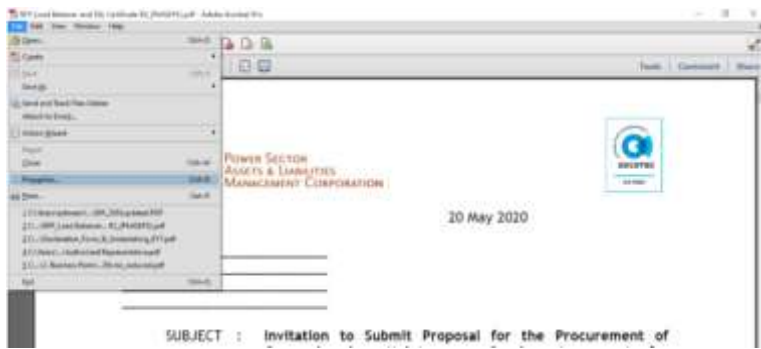
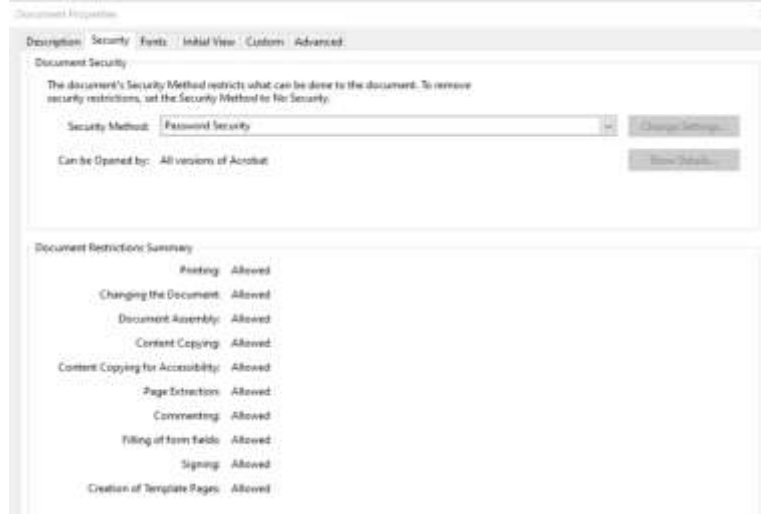
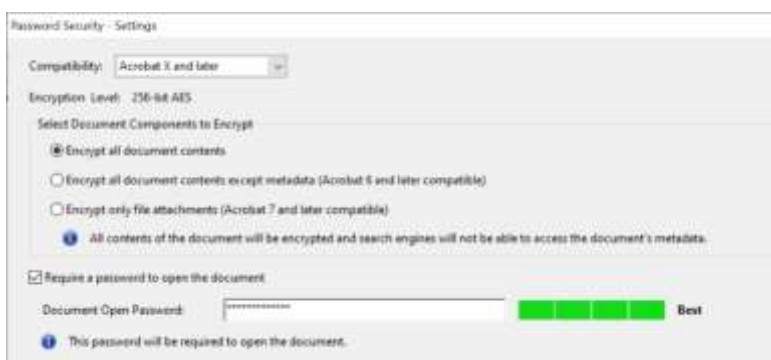
5. Select the destination of the file

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



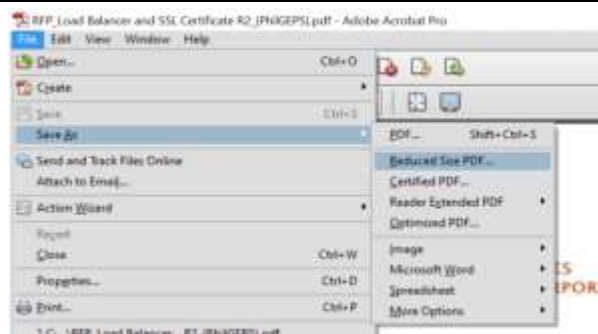
Procedures / Steps on How to Protect a PDF File	
1. Before protecting or putting a password into a PDF file, the user must have an Adobe Acrobat paid version installed or any software that can protect a PDF file.	
2. Open the PDF file that needs to be protected. Make sure to open the file to a software 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.

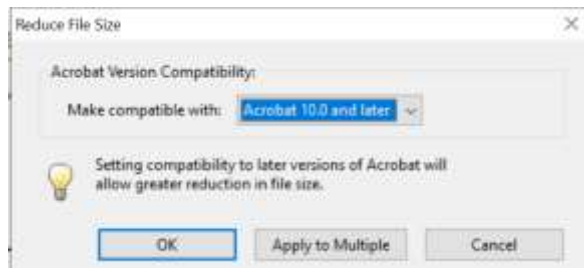


Procedures / Steps on How to Reduce the Size of the PDF File

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.



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.