

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

For the Procurement of Ancillary Services to the Grid AS-CSP-2023-01

1. BID INFORMATION

The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), as the System Operator, is responsible for determining, acquiring and dispatching the needed Ancillary Services (AS) levels required in order to maintain power quality and the reliability and security of the nationwide grid.

NGCP needs qualified Ancillary Services providers which can supply the grid requirements for Regulating Reserve, Contingency Reserve, Dispatchable Reserve, Reactive Power Support and Black Start Service, to commence in 2023 subject to the approval of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of Ancillary Services Procurement Agreements (ASPA).

2. ANCILLARY SERVICES REQUIREMENT

Pursuant to the Department of Energy (DOE) Circular No. DC2021-10-0031, Prescribing the Policy for the Transparent and Efficient Procurement of Ancillary Services by the System Operator, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), through its Third Party Bids and Awards Committee (TPBAC), is inviting all interested grid-connected merchant plants and Independent Power Producers (each, a "Bidder") to apply for eligibility and participate in the competitive bidding ("Bidding") for the procurement of Ancillary Services (AS) in respect of the requirements listed in the Terms of Reference, as attached.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference is posted at the NGCP's website: <https://www.ngcp.ph/csp>.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF INTERESTED BIDDERS

Parties interested to bid ("Interested Bidders") shall be required to comply with the following eligibility requirements ("Eligibility Requirements") which must be submitted electronically using the email of its authorized representative indicated in the cover letter signifying interest to join the Bidding ("Expression of Interest") to the TPBAC-Secretariat through its email address: tpbacsecretariat@ngcp.ph no later than the Expression of Interest Deadline specified below:

- (1) Notarized Expression of Interest*;
- (2) Company Profile;
- (3) Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) Registration Certificate and Articles of Incorporation, or Department of Trade & Industry (DTI) Registration Certificate, whichever is applicable;
- (4) General Information Sheet (GIS);
- (5) Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Certificate of Registration (COR);
- (6) Valid & Current Business Permit;
- (7) Board Resolution Authorizing the Prospective Bidder to Participate in the AS Bidding;
- (8) Notarized Non-Disclosure Undertaking*;
- (9) Written Acceptance of the Terms of Reference*;
- (10) Acknowledgement and Consent Form on Data Privacy*; and
- (11) Notarized undertaking that all documents submitted are true and correct, and copies of legal and regulatory documents are exact reproductions of the original*.

* prescribed forms available for download at <https://www.ngcp.ph/csp>



The Eligibility Requirements must be (i) clearly scanned using .pdf file format, and (ii) in the form and substance made available on NGCP's website <https://www.ngcp.ph/csp>, as applicable.

For the purpose of submissions, the subject of all email communications should start with the “[Grid]-[Company Name]-[subject matter]”. The official time and date of receipt of the emailed submissions shall be the electronic time and date stamp of receipt by the TPBAC-Secretariat's email.

Should the TPBAC receive less than two (2) Expressions of Interest for a specific AS type and Grid, the TPBAC shall declare a failure of the Bidding process only for that specific AS Type and Grid.

Upon the TPBAC-Secretariat's receipt of said submission, subject to a later evaluation of the contents of the submitted documents, it will electronically acknowledge the receipt thereof. Following review of all submitted Eligibility Requirements, the TPBAC shall notify each Interested Bidder of the result of the evaluation via email. Only Interested Bidders with submissions that are in order (the “Eligible Bidders”) will be given confirmation by the TPBAC of its eligibility to participate in the Bidding.

5. DETAILED INSTRUCTION TO ELIGIBLE BIDDERS

The Detailed Instruction to Bidders is posted at the NGCP's website: <https://www.ngcp.ph/csp>.

6. POST-QUALIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF BIDS

The following documents shall be provided during post-qualification:

- (1) ERC Certificate of Compliance or Provisional Authority to Operate;
- (2) WESM Registration;
- (3) Ancillary Services Accreditation Certificate; and
- (4) Transmission Service Agreement and Metering Service Agreement with NGCP.

Failure to provide these documents on the deadline of submission of post-qualification requirements shall disqualify the winning bidder and its Bid Security shall be forfeited in favor of NGCP.

7. TENTATIVE SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

Upon due notice to Eligible Bidders, the TPBAC reserves the right to amend and/or change the indicative schedule below and will be announced through Bid Bulletins, as follows:

ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE
Publication of the Invitation to Bid & Posting to NGCP website	January 31 & February 7, 2023
Expression of Interest Deadline	5:00PM of February 9, 2023
Announcement of Eligible Bidders	February 13, 2023
Availability of Bid Documents	February 13, 2023
Deadline of Submission of Comments and Clarifications on the Bidding	12:00PM of February 15, 2023
Pre-Bid Conference	10:00AM of February 20, 2023
Issuance of Bid Bulletin/s, if any	February 24, 2023
Deadline for Submission of Bids (“Bid Submission Deadline”)	Time: 5:00PM of the ff dates: Luzon: March 6, 2023 Visayas: March 7, 2023 Mindanao: March 8, 2023



ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE
Opening of Bids	Time: 10:00AM of the ff dates: Luzon: March 7, 2023 Visayas: March 8, 2023 Mindanao: March 9, 2023
Evaluation of Bids	March 10 to 15, 2023
Deadline of Submission of Post-Qualification Requirements	5:00PM of March 15, 2023
Issuance of Notice of Award	April 5, 2023

Late submissions and requests for additional time shall not be accepted/allowed in all stages of the Bidding.

The TPBAC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive deficiencies therein without assuming any obligations whatsoever for any expenses or losses that may be incurred by the Bidder in the preparation of the bid. Furthermore, the TPBAC reserves the right to (i) reject a proposal or not proceed with an award that is reasonably determined not to redound to the benefit of all consumers; (ii) waive the submission of any requirement considering the credit standing and established capability of any Bidder; (iii) cancel the bidding process at any time without liability by the TPBAC and NGCP; (iv) declare failure of bidding or not award the ASPA at any time prior to the ASPA award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidders; (v) decide or resolve matters arising from the bid, as it deems most advantageous to all consumers without any imposed formalities, conditions or incurring any liability to the affected Bidder.

CERTIFICATION

As Chairman of NGCP's Third Party Bids and Awards Committee ("TPBAC"), I hereby certify that this Invitation to Bid, including the Terms of Reference and its accompanying Bidding requirements, were discussed and approved by the TPBAC on January 26, 2023 at Quezon City.

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TPBAC Chairman