

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2023

RECOMMENDING AWARD FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SHARED CYBER DEFENSE SOLUTION FOR THE INSURANCE CLUSTER / ITB-32-2023-G

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bureau of the Treasury, as Procuring Entity, intended the Procurement of a Cyber Defense Solution with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in the amount of **Thirty-Two Million Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eight Pesos (PHP 32,523,408.00)**, inclusive of all applicable taxes, for a two-year contract;

WHEREAS, with the common objective of securing its online applications and informations systems, the Insurance Cluster composed of the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), and Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) agreed to jointly procure a Shared Cyber Defense Solution;

WHEREAS, the BTr, as Procuring Entity, through Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) issued Resolution No. 48-2021 dated 14 October 2021, recommending the procurement of the Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the BTr;

WHEREAS, per Memorandum of Agreement dated 19 November 2021, the Land Bank of the Philippines was (LBP) was appointed as Procurement Agent for the Project: Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the Insurance Cluster;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Procurement Agent's Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 1 for LBP-HOBAC-ITB-GS-20211222-01 dated 24 February 2022, amendments/clarifications to the Bid Documents were announced and reflected in the Instruction to Bidders (ITB Clause 5.3 of Section II), Bid Data Sheet (ITB Clause 5.3 Section III) and Checklist of Bidding Documents (Item No. 4 of Technical Documents);

WHEREAS, on 2 March 2022, the Procurement Agent's HOBAC conducted the bid opening of ITB-GS-20211222-01 whereupon Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. (SGV & Co.) manifested that they will not be participating in the bidding while the bid documents submitted by Trends & Technologies, Inc. was rated as "passed" and declared eligible;

WHEREAS, per Procuring Agent's HOBAC Resolution No. 2022-177 dated 18 March 2022 for LBP-HOBAC-ITB-GS-20211222-01, the Single Calculated Bidder, Trends & Technologies, Inc. was declared post-disqualified due to its non-compliance with Terms of Reference of the Bidding Documents for ITB-GS-20211222-01 and recommended the rebid of the project;

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WHEREAS, per HOBAC Resolution No. 2022-550 dated 29 July 2022, ITB-GS-20211222-01(2) (Lot 2 - Two (2) Years Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the Insurance Cluster with an ABC of PHP 256,000,000.00 was declared a failure and subject for review of the Terms of Reference by the TWG-Insurance Cluster

WHEREAS, on 6 October 2023, the Procuring Agent's HOBAC Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 2 (For LBP-HOBAC-ITB-GS-20230725-01) was posted in its website to announce the re-bidding of the Project: Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the Insurance Cluster;

WHEREAS, on 13 October 2023, two bidders namely, SGV & Co. and Trends & Technologies, Inc, submitted their technical and financial proposals for ITB-GS-20230725-01 ;

WHEREAS, during the opening of bids for ITB-GS-20230725-01, SGV & Co was declared as the Lowest Calculated Bidder, and Trends & Technologies, Inc. was declared as the Second Lowest Calculated Bidder;

WHEREAS, in its post-qualification report dated 24 November 2023, the Insurance Cluster - Technical Working Group (IC-TWG) found the technical and financial proposal of SGV & Co. as non-compliant with nine (9) out of ten (10) requirements as stated in the Bid Documents as embodied in Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 2 (For LBP-HOBAC-ITB-GS-20230725-01);

WHEREAS, post-qualification investigation was conducted to the next lowest bidder, Trends & Technologies, Inc.;

WHEREAS, in its post-qualification report dated 24 November 2023, the IC-TWG found the technical and financial proposal of Trends & Technologies, Inc. as compliant and responsive with all the requirements as stated in the bidding documents as embodied in Supplemental / Bid Bulletin No. 2 (For LBP - HOBAC - ITB - GS - 20230725 - 01);

WHEREAS, in GI-BAC Resolution No. 2023-146 dated 14 December 2023, the Procuring Agent's Bids and Awards Committee for Goods and Infrastructure declared **Trends & Technologies, Inc.** as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder, and recommended the award of the contract for Two (2) Years Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the Insurance Cluster amounting to **Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Pesos (PHP 299,962,880.00)**;

WHEREAS, the share of the BTr in the accepted bid amounted to **Thirty-One Million Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and Forty Pesos (PHP 31,575,040.00)** for a two-year contract covering 1,600 endpoints;

WHEREAS, after due evaluation of the findings and recommendations of the IC-TWG in its report dated 24 November 2023, the same is found to be in accordance

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with the requirements of the BTr, as provided in the Terms of Reference for the Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the Insurance Cluster;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bids and Awards Committee **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES** to:

- a. recommend the award for the Procurement of Shared Cyber Defense Solution for the Bureau of the Treasury (for 1,600 endpoints) for the Contract Price of **Thirty-One Million Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and Forty Pesos (PHP 31,575,040.00)**, inclusive of all applicable taxes, to Trends & Technologies, Inc.; and
- b. recommend the foregoing for the approval of the Officer-in-Charge, Bureau of the Treasury, as Head of the Procuring Entity (HOPE).

RESOLVED at the Bureau of the Treasury, Intramuros, Manila, this 28th day of December 2023.

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Officer-in-Charge

Date: _____