



Republic of the Philippines
PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE
Malacañang, Manila

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR
PROJECT: PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES OF A PUBLIC
RELATIONS FIRM FOR INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION
OF THE ASEAN 2017 CHAIRMANSHIP**

1. The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) through the 2016 General Appropriations Act of the Department of Foreign Affairs, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 48 creating the National Organizing Council for ASEAN 2017 under which PCOO is the chair for its Committee on Media Affairs and Strategic Communications and by virtue of a DFA-PCOO Memorandum of Agreement dated March 22, 2016 intends to apply the sum of **EIGHTY MILLION PESOS ONLY (PHP 80,000,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC). **Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.**
2. The PCOO now calls for the submission of Expression of Interest and Eligibility Documents for the Procurement of Services of a Public Relations (PR) firm to do International Promotion for ASEAN 2017. Interested consultants must submit their Eligibility Documents/Expression of Interest together with the Eligibility Documents Submission Form (Sample Form on Page 85 under Section VII. Bidding Forms) on or before **February 28, 2017, 10:00 a.m.** at the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat Presidential Communications Operations Office 3rd Floor Annex, New Executive Building, Malacañang Complex, Manila. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated based on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion.
3. The BAC shall draw up a short list of consultants from those who have submitted their eligibility documents/letters of interest together with the Eligibility Documents Submission Form and have been determined as eligible in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The Procuring Entity shall evaluate bids using the *Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS)* procedure. The short list shall consist of prospective bidders who will be entitled to submit bids. The criteria and rating system for short listing are :
 - (a) PR Plan to promote ASEAN 2017 awareness and understanding to international audiences with emphasis on the Philippines as the enabler. (Recommended weight: 50%);
 - (b) Experience and capability of the consultant. The consultant's experience and capability should include its record in previous engagements and the quality of

its performance on similar projects. These also include its relationship with previous and current clients, overall current work commitments, the geographical distribution of its current/impending projects, and the level of attention it is going to give to the project in question. (Recommended weight: 30%)

- (c) Current workload relative to capacity to take on the Project (Recommended weight: 20%)

The description for the shortlisting of consultants is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.


4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from PCOO and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders starting on **February 21, 2017** from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of **Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (PHP 25,000.00)** only.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

6. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion as specified in the IRR of RA 9184.
 - (i) Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.
 - (ii) To facilitate the immediate implementation of the procurement of this Project, the PCOO shall proceed with the procurement activities short of award, pending the approval by NOC of the revised CMASC Work and Financial/Budget Plan (WFBP) for ASEAN 2017, pursuant to Section 7.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) of R.A. No. 9184.
7. The Procuring Entity shall evaluate bids using the *Quality Based Evaluation/Selection (QBE/QBS)*. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
8. The contract shall start from receipt of the Notice to Proceed.
9. The PCOO 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 Section 41 of RA 9184 and its IRR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

10. For further information, please refer to:

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