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PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE
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Malacañang, Manila

SUPPLEMENTAL BID BULLETIN No. 001
26 JUNE 2020

PROCUREMENT OF PREPAID LOAD CARDS

(PROCUREMENT CONTRACT No. 2020-PCOO-I-001)

I. Resumption of the Procurement Process

On 09 March 2020, the President signed Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines upon the recommendation of the DOH following the confirmed local transmission of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

That in view of the abovementioned proclamation, several areas in the Philippines were placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), including Metro Manila and government agencies were tasked to observe measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 to the other areas of the Philippines;

As a result thereof, all procurement activities undergoing public bidding and/or under Negotiated Procurement due to two (2) failed biddings were postponed indefinitely by the Bids and Awards Committee (“Committee”) as per item 7 of GPPB 09-2020 which states:

“PEs may **retroactively suspend** the conduct of procurement activities beginning 9 March 2020 following the declaration by the President of a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines, subject to the determination by the BAC”

That on 15 May 2020, the Government Procurement Policy Board published Resolution No. 09-2020 entitled **“Approving Measures For The Efficient Conduct Of Procurement Activities During A State Of Calamity Or Implementation Of Community Quarantine Or Similar Restrictions”** which confirms, adopt, and approve measures, as recommended by the GPPB-TSO, for the efficient conduct of all procurement activities, regardless of procurement modality, during the State of Calamity;

That pursuant to the abovementioned resolution, the Committee approved the adoption of measures in the conduct of their procurement activities by issuing procurement guidelines for online receipt and submission of bids relative to its procurement projects, copy hereto attached as “Annex A” for reference;

That the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) as the Procuring Entity (PE) is allowed and has been equipped with a facility to implement online bidding via videoconferencing as means of communication and interaction with interested suppliers/bidders and to ensure the continuity and efficiency of the procurement activities at all times pending the use of the PhilGEPS online facility once it becomes operational;

Prospective bidders are hereby notified of the resumption of the procurement process adopting measures in accordance with GPPB Resolution 09-2020, as follows:

II. Amendments and Inclusions on the Invitation to Bid and Bidding Documents:

A. REQUIREMENT FOR PRE-REGISTRATION (new provision):

Pre-registration shall be required for all interested suppliers to access the video conferences via Google Meet in order to participate in the procurement activities as scheduled. Those interested must first complete the information in the Google Forms which may be accessed via this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14e9OfDtXunawfjhKp8OF9jLVloqUTLAttpl7ekJNCZs/viewform?edit_requested=true

Once registered, the BAC Secretariat will send a confirmation email. For the step by step process for the scheduled bidding activities, please see the Bidder's kit, copy hereto attached as "Annex B" for reference;

B. SCHEDULE OF PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES:

Procurement Activity	Date	Time
Pre-Bid Conference	07 July 2020	10:00 AM
Deadline of Submission of Bids	20 July 2020	9:00 AM
Opening of Bids (Eligibility Documents)	20 July 2020	10:00 AM

Bid Evaluation	20 July 2020	01:00 PM
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C. ADMISSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS (new provision):

1. Pursuant to Section 6 of the GPPB Resolution 09-2020 provides:

“ xxx In consideration of the limited access to financial institutions, regulatory and other offices, as well as the implementation of government restrictions on transport and travel, ALLOW PEs to accept the following alternate documentary requirements for procurement activities during a State of Calamity, or implementation of community quarantine or similar restrictions declared or being implemented either in the locality of the PE or of the Bidder:

- i. Unnotarized Bid Securing Declaration;
 - ii. Expired Business or Mayor's permit with Official Receipt of renewal application, subject to submission of Business or Mayor's permit after award of contract but before payment;
 - iii. Unnotarized Omnibus Sworn Statement subject to compliance therewith after award of contract but before payment; and
2. Income Tax Returns for the year **2018** (BIR Form 1701 or 1702) may be accepted in lieu of the latest or 2019 Income Tax Return (2019 ITR) provided it shall be accompanied by a Certification by the bidder that it has taken steps to comply with the filing requirements but was overtaken by the Enhanced Community Quarantine or a Certification that the filing period has been moved.

Pursuant to Section 22.5.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, this Supplemental Bid Bulletin is issued for the information and guidance of all prospective bidders and shall form an integral part of the Bidding Documents issued for said project.

Please be guided accordingly.

[ORIGINAL SIGNED]
Atty. MARVIN R. GATPAYAT
Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee – I



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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

BAC RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 0018

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GPPB RESOLUTION 09-2020 (PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES ON ONLINE BIDDING)

DATE: 16 JUNE 2020

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the President signed Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months or up to 12 September 2020, and further providing for the implementation of "Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)" over the entire Luzon;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020 with the subject "Further guidelines for the management of the Coronavirus disease 2019" implemented among others, work from home arrangement for the Executive Branch and the suspension of mass public transport services and other businesses that do not render critical services;

WHEREAS, given the exceptional circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly the ECQ and the suspension of mass public transport services, the procurement activities set by this Committee were indefinitely suspended;

WHEREAS, on 15 May 2020 the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) published Resolution No. 09-2020 entitled "**Approving Measures For The Efficient Conduct Of Procurement Activities During A State Of Calamity Or Implementation Of Community Quarantine Or Similar Restrictions**" which confirms, adopt, and approve measures, as recommended by the GPPB-TSO, for the efficient conduct of all procurement activities, regardless of procurement modality, during the State of Calamity;

WHEREAS, in the aforementioned resolution, the GPPB allowed the (i) submission of procurement related documents, except for the submission and receipt of bids, through electronic mail or facsimile subject to the submission of the printed copies as soon as practicable, as determined by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC); and (ii) use of other forms of digital or electronic signature in all procurement related documents. For this purpose, Procuring Entities shall establish their **respective internal rules** to ensure the security, integrity and authenticity of the documents electronically submitted and the use of digital or electronic signature.

WHEREAS, this Committee and its Secretariat are duly equipped to conduct the procurement process through video tele-conferencing and/or online communications of similar nature and to conduct the bidding thru online means;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, this Committee RESOLVES, as it is HEREBY RESOLVED, to recommend to the Head of Procuring Entity (the "HoPE") the adoption of the following guidelines on electronic submission of bids:

I. ADVERTISEMENT/POSTING OF INVITATION TO BID:

For Prospective Bidders or Suppliers:

For pending procurement activities, the Secretariat will prepare a Bid Bulletin for approval of the BAC and for issuance to the suppliers to inform them of the following:

- a. Resumption of procurement activities through electronic means in accordance with GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020;
- b. The requirement of pre-registration via Google Forms for those interested to join the PCOO procurement activities such as the pre-bid conference and the submission of bids.
- c. Other relevant details such as the manner and procedure for pre-registration.

The Secretariat shall post the Bid Bulletin on the 1) PhilGEPS Website, 2) PCOO Website and 3) PCOO Bulletin board.

II. NOTICES

GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020, dated 7 May 2020

Approving measures for the efficient conduct of Procurement Activities during a state of calamity, or implementation of Community Quarantine or similar restrictions

Republic Act no. 9184

Guidelines for Emergency Procurement under Republic Act No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act dated 6 April 2020.

For BAC members/Observers/End-users:

The Secretariat will send notices to the BAC Members and End-user representative via the official e-mail of the Secretariat. The Secretariat will send Notice to Observers via the official e-mail of the Secretariat at least five (5) Calendar days before the date of the scheduled procurement activity. This is required, otherwise, the proceeding shall be considered null and void. ¹

III. PROCEDURE IN THE PRE-REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS:

1. Interested suppliers must register through **Google Forms** at least three (3) calendar days before the date of the pre-bid conference by disclosing the following information:
 - a) Name of the Company
 - b) e-mail address
 - c) title of the procurement project
 - d) name of owner/ representative²
 - e) PhilGEPs registered office/company address
 - f) landline and mobile number/s
 - g) authority to represent the company (special power of attorney [SPA] or secretary's certificate)
 2. Once registration is complete and filled in, the Secretariat will send an acknowledgement of receipt and an invitation to join Google Meet on the email address provided by the prospective bidder indicating the date and time of the pre-bid conference. The pre-registration is required for the Secretariat to monitor the persons allowed to enter in the video teleconference and for records purposes.
- Only those-suppliers duly registered shall be allowed to attend. In case there will be more than one (1) representative for each prospective bidder, each representative shall fill out the pre-registration form.
3. The Secretariat shall also provide the Bidder's kit to the prospective bidders to inform them of the house rules to be observed and the step-to-step process during the online bidding.

IV. PRE-BID CONFERENCE PROPER:

¹ Section 13.3, Rule V of the 2016 IRR of RA 9184

² the company representative must submit a scanned copy of SPA or Secretary's Certificate

1. The BAC, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall conduct the pre-bid conference through video conferencing using **Google Meet**.
2. The Secretariat will be the sole administrator in Google Meet and only the appointed person from the Secretariat can allow the entry of the participants in the pre-bid conference and in the subsequent bidding activities. The video conference via Google Meet will be recorded and minutes of the meeting will also be prepared.
3. Decisions of the BAC amending any provision of the Bidding Documents shall be issued in writing through a Supplemental/Bid Bulletin posted at least seven (7) CD before the bid opening and e-mailed to all suppliers who registered for the pre-bid conference. **(Section 22.4 of the RIRR of 2016)**

V. PROCEDURE FOR THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS, OPENING AND EVALUATION OF BIDS:

Per **GPPB Resolution 09-2020**, the GPPB-TSO, for the efficient conduct of all procurement activities, *regardless of procurement modality*, during a nationally or locally declared State of Calamity:

“ENJOIN PEs to maximize the use of existing rules under RA No. 9184, its IRR and related issuances on the conduct of procurement activities, particularly those meant to streamline, simplify and expedite the conduct of procurement and address the challenges and disruptions brought by calamities and crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic, such as **use of videoconferencing, webcasting and similar technology in the conduct of any of the meetings and determination of quorum by the BAC¹⁵ and use of digital signatures in procurement related documents;¹⁶**

In order to complement these, **ALLOW** the (i) submission of procurement related documents, except for the submission and receipt of bids, **through electronic mail or facsimile subject to the submission of the printed copies as soon as practicable, as determined by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC); and (ii) use of other forms of digital or electronic signature in all procurement related documents.** For this purpose, PEs shall establish their respective internal rules to ensure the security, integrity and authenticity of the documents electronically submitted and the use of digital or electronic signature.”

In light of the unavailability of the online bidding facility under the modernized Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS), **AUTHORIZED** the online or electronic submission and receipt of bids for procurement modalities where **a two-envelope procedure or sealed price quotation is required.** 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.

Bid submission shall be done through any electronic means available to the PEs, provided that the same:

- a. uses 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;**
- b. allows access to a **password-protected Bidding Documents on opening date and time.** The passwords for accessing the file will be disclosed by the Bidders only during the actual bid opening which may be done in person or face-to-face through videoconferencing, webcasting or similar technology; and
- c. capable of **generating an audit trail of transactions** to ensure the security, integrity and authenticity of bid submissions.

For this purpose, the highest official managing the Information Technology- EDP shall issue a Certification describing the electronic system or procedure to be used by the PE for the electronic submission and receipt of bids and a statement that the same is compliant with the foregoing requirements.”

[Boldface supplied]

As such:

- 1) All prospective bidders are enjoined to submit the financial and eligibility requirements in password protected PDF files via the Secretariat's official email address. The bidder will send in a single email two compressed folders (in .ZIP file format) which shall both be password protected. One zip folder shall contain the scanned original copy of the **Legal and Technical Requirements** in a password protected PDF file. Both ZIP folder and PDF file shall be assigned the file name “**PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Legal and Technical Documents**”. The second zip folder shall contain the scanned original copy of the **Financial Requirements** in password protected PDF. Both ZIP folder and PDF file shall be assigned the file name “**PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Financial Documents**”. The four (4) passwords shall be unique for both folders and files, respectively.
- 2) Upon receipt before the deadline of the email containing the two (2) compressed folders, the BAC Secretariat shall send an email of acknowledgement receipt and shall generate a Bid receipt page/document which can be saved or printed by the bidder, as proof of the official time of receipt of bids; Late Bids shall not be accepted and shall no longer be included in the opening of bids.

- 3) The Secretariat shall download the files in a PCOO issued computer/laptop device so that the audit trail shall be preserved. The Secretariat Head shall designate the official representative of the Secretariat (as administrator) and an alternate who are the only personnel allowed to access the said password protected files for safekeeping and record purposes.
- 4) Should a prospective bidder choose to modify the submitted bid, the following rules shall apply:

“Bidders shall send another Bid equally secured, properly identified, and labelled as a **“modification”** of the one previously submitted. The time indicated in the latest Bid receipt page generated shall be the official time of submission. Bids submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted.” **(GPPB Resolution 09-2020)**

Section 26, R.A 9184 (Revised):

“For online or electronic bid submission, where a bidder modifies its Bid, it **shall not be allowed to retrieve its original Bid**, but shall only be allowed to **send another Bid equally secured and properly identified. (GPPB Resolution 09-2020)**

In the case of electronic submission, to be labelled as a **“modification,”** of the one previously submitted. The time indicated in **the latest Bid receipt page generated shall be the official time of submission.** Bids submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted.”

[Boldface supplied.]

- 5) In case of modification of bids, the bidder shall use the following file names for the folders and files:
 - A. **“PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Legal and Technical Documents – Modification”**
 - B. **“PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Financial Documents-Modification”**

The Secretariat shall record the last document submitted by the prospective bidder as the official document for the opening of bids, provided it is submitted on or before the deadline.

VI. BID OPENING PROCESS:

Sec. 29, R.A, 9184:

GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020, dated 7 May 2020

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The BAC shall open the bids immediately after the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids. The time, date, and place of the opening of bids shall be specified in the Bidding Documents.

GPPB Resolution No. 09-2020:

For electronic bid submission, the passwords for accessing the Bidding Documents will be disclosed by the Bidders **only during the actual bid opening which may be done in person or face-to-face videoconferencing, webcasting or similar technology.**

[Boldface supplied.]

The BAC, with the assistance of the Secretariat and Technical Working Group ("TWG"), shall conduct the bid opening via Google Meet. Bidders are encouraged to attend the bid opening online. The passwords for the folders and the files shall be disclosed by the bidders only during the bid opening.

For bidders who are present, the Secretariat will ask the bidder in the chat box of the Google Meet video conferencing room for the corresponding password during the bid opening itself. The official representative of the bidder shall respond promptly in the same chat box with the passwords when prompted.

If a bidder is unable to attend the bid opening and his bid is about to be opened, the Secretariat will ask for the passwords via text message to the official representative of the bidder who shall respond promptly with the password. Bidders are given a minimum of five (5) minutes to respond with the password. If the bidder does not respond with the password within five (5) minutes from prompting, the BAC shall move on to the next bid, if any. If there are no other bids to be considered, the Secretariat shall ask again via text message for the password and the BAC shall give the bidder at least another five (5) minutes to respond. If the bidder does not respond within the allotted time, his bid will longer be considered.

The bidder shall first disclose the password for the first password-protected compressed folder containing the eligibility documents and the Secretariat shall extract the eligibility documents therein. The Secretariat shall upload the said extracted file to Google Drive and share by email an online link to such file to all BAC, Secretariat and TWG Members. After sharing such link, the Secretariat will ask the bidder for the password to the eligibility documents in the same procedure described above.

If the bidder is considered **passed** on his eligibility requirements, together with any other bidders who are considered passed on their eligibility requirements, his second password-protected compressed folder containing his financial documents and the files contained therein shall be opened and shared in the same manner as the passwords of the eligibility documents as described above. In no case will a bidder disclose the passwords for his financial folder and files prior to being declared eligible based on the evaluation of his eligibility documents.

The bidders are given only three attempts to disclose their password per compressed folder and PDF file to open the documents. Should the bidder fail to provide the correct password after the third attempt, their bid will no longer be considered. The Secretariat shall take and print a screenshot of such inquiries and responses to form part of the records and all incidents should be recorded in the minutes.

VII. BID EVALUATION:

1. Only eligible bids shall be evaluated.
2. In consideration of the limited access to financial institutions, regulatory and other offices, as well as the implementation of government restrictions on transport and travel, the following alternate documentary requirements shall be acceptable for procurement activities:

2.1 Unnotarized Bid Securing Declaration;

2.2 Expired Business or Mayor's permit with Official Receipt of renewal application, subject to submission of Business or Mayor's permit after award of contract but before payment;

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2.3 Unnotarized Omnibus Sworn Statement subject to compliance therewith after award of contract but before payment; and

2.4 Performance Securing Declaration (PSD) in lieu of a performance security to guarantee the winning bidder's faithful performance of obligations under the contract, subject to the following: ^[1]_[SEP]

2.4.1. Similar to the PSD used in Framework Agreement, such declaration shall state, among others, that the winning bidder shall be blacklisted from being qualified to participate in any government procurement activity for one (1) year, in case of first offense or two (2) years, if with prior similar offense, in the event it

violates any of the conditions stated in the contract. A copy of the PSD form is attached hereto as Annex "A";

2.4.2. An unnotarized PSD may be accepted, subject to submission of a notarized PSD before payment, unless the same is replaced with a performance security in the prescribed form, as stated below; and

2.4.3. The end-user may require the winning bidder to replace the submitted PSD with a performance security in any of the prescribed forms under Section 39.2 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 upon lifting of the State of Calamity, or community quarantine or similar restrictions, as the case may be.

2.4.4. The BAC shall determine or validate the existence of the State of Calamity, or implementation of community quarantine or similar restrictions and may require the submission of documentary proof for this purpose."

3. The BAC Secretariat shall record the proceedings and prepare the minutes of the meeting in the conduct of the opening and evaluation of bids.

VIII. POST-QUALIFICATION:

1. The TWG shall conduct post-qualification measures based on the documents submitted by the bidders. Only those with complete and sufficient requirements shall be considered for purposes of awarding the contract.

The TWG, as it may deem necessary, require the manual submission of the documents submitted by the bidders for proper identification and evaluation.

RESOLVED, FINALLY that on the basis of the foregoing, the BAC-I **RECOMMENDS** to the HoPE to adopt the foregoing guidelines on the electronic submission of bids in accordance with the GPPB Resolution 09-2020.

RESOLVED, in Malacañang, Manila, on 18 June 2020.

Usec. MARVIN R. GATPAYAT

Chairperson

Usec. FEDUCIA MIA M. REYES-LUCAS

Alternate Chairperson

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☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved, based on the following valid, reasonable, and justifiable ground/s³:

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Asec. RYAN L. UY

*Authorized Representative of the
Head of the Procuring Entity*

³ **Section 41 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184.**

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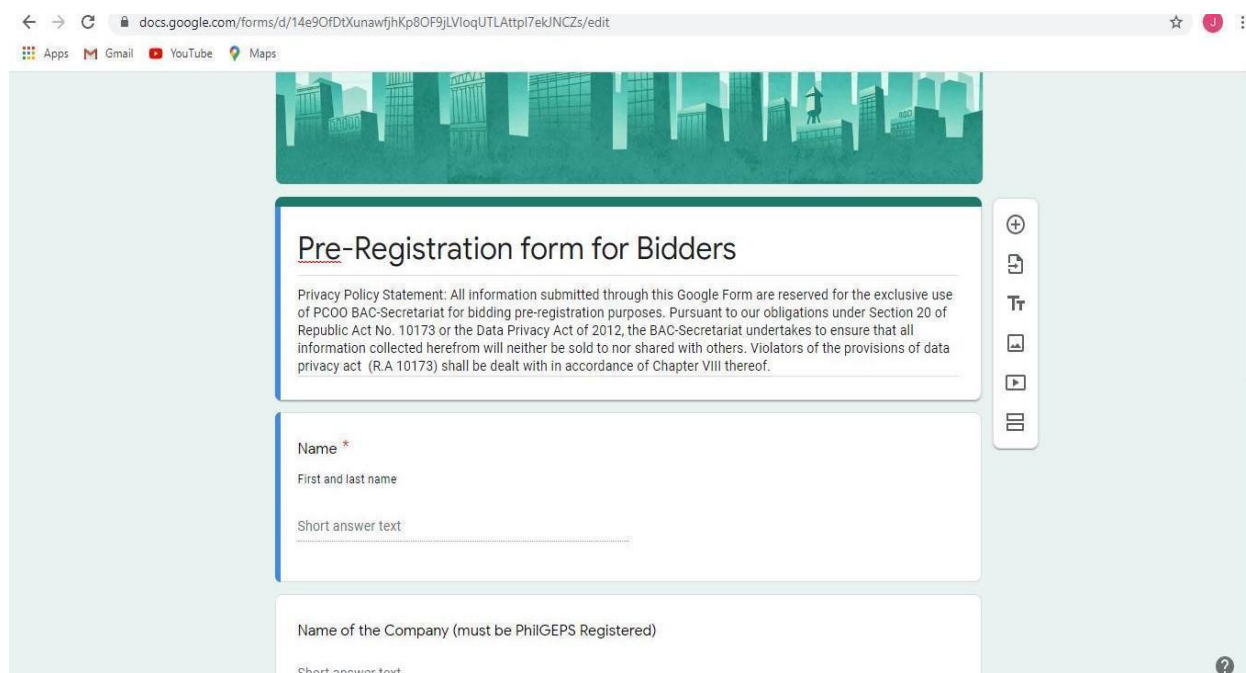
BIDDER'S KIT FOR PCOO PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES IN ADOPTING ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF BIDS

(GPPB Resolution no. 09-2020)

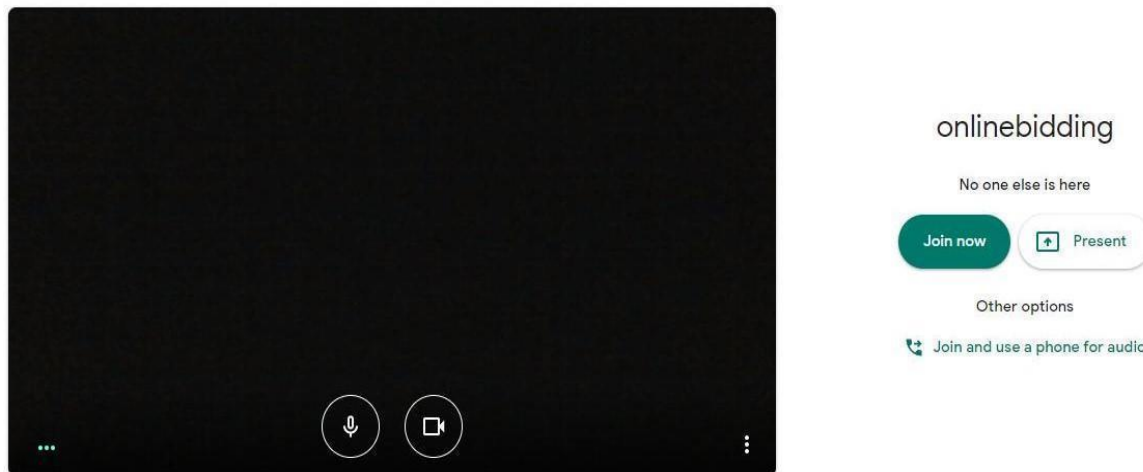
I. Pre-Bid Conference

Step 1: Register by completing the information required in the Google forms which can be accessed here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14e9OfDtXunawfjhKp8OF9jLVloqUTLAttpI7ekJNCZs/viewform?edit_requested=true

Once completed, submit the form to the Secretariat and wait for an acknowledgement by e-mail.

The image is a screenshot of a Google Form titled "Pre-Registration form for Bidders". The form is displayed in a web browser window. At the top, there is a header image showing a city skyline. Below the header, the form title "Pre-Registration form for Bidders" is displayed. Under the title, there is a "Privacy Policy Statement" which states: "All information submitted through this Google Form are reserved for the exclusive use of PCOO BAC-Secretariat for bidding pre-registration purposes. Pursuant to our obligations under Section 20 of Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, the BAC-Secretariat undertakes to ensure that all information collected herefrom will neither be sold to nor shared with others. Violators of the provisions of data privacy act (R.A 10173) shall be dealt with in accordance of Chapter VIII thereof." Below the privacy statement, there are two text input fields. The first field is labeled "Name *" and has a sub-label "First and last name". The second field is labeled "Name of the Company (must be PhilGEPS Registered)" and has a sub-label "Short answer text". On the right side of the form, there is a vertical toolbar with icons for adding, deleting, and other form editing functions. The browser's address bar shows the URL: "docs.google.com/forms/d/14e9OfDtXunawfjhKp8OF9jLVloqUTLAttpI7ekJNCZs/edit".

Step 2: Join the scheduled Pre-Bid Conference by clicking the link provided by the Secretariat through e-mail to enter the Google Meet by clicking **“Join Now”**. Please make sure that you allow access to the microphone and the camera.



Step 3: Kindly wait for the Secretariat to confirm your entry in the Google Meets to participate in the pre-bid conference.

Step 4: See file attached as "Annex A" for the House Rules to be observed during the conduct of procurement activities.

II. Submission of Bids

Step 1: Scan the original copy of the **Legal and Technical Requirements** and save as a PDF assigned with the file name "**PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Legal and Technical Documents**". Place/set a password on the PDF file. Save the password-protected PDF file to a ZIP file. Place/set another password on the ZIP file.

Step 2: Scan the original copy of the **Financial Requirements** and save as a PDF assigned with the file name "**PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Financial Documents**". Place/set a password on the PDF file. Save the password-protected PDF file to a ZIP file. Place/set another password on the ZIP file.

Important: Passwords shall bear a unique combination for each file and folder. Same passwords for all files are not allowed. Thus, there shall be **four (4) sets of passwords with unique combination**. For details on how to save files in PDF format and to place passwords please see file attached as "Annex B".

Step 3: Submit your bids via e-mail to (bac1@pco.gov.ph) on or before the deadline for bid submission.

Step 4: After submission, wait for the acknowledgement by the BAC Secretariat of the a) receipt of the compressed file (ZIP file) containing the bids b) proof of

the date and time of receipt of the bid to ensure submission prior to the deadline and c) the invitation with the access link to the video conference of the bid opening with date and time thereof.

Important: In case of any modification of bids, the original bid submitted shall not be retrieved but a modified bid shall be submitted to the Secretariat provided that it is equally secured by passwords, properly identified and submitted on or before the deadline. The bidder shall use the following file names for the folders and files:

- A. **"PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Legal and Technical Documents – Modification"**
- B. **"PCOO Bidding No.____; (Name of Bidder); Financial Documents-Modification"**

Important: LATE Bids or those bids submitted after the deadline will **NOT** be considered in the bid opening.

III. Opening and Evaluation of Bids

Step 1: Open e-mail and access the link provided by the Secretariat to enter the Google Meet by clicking **"Join Now"**. Make sure that you allow access to the microphone and the camera. Wait for confirmation from the Secretariat to enter the meeting room.

Step 2: When prompted, disclose in the chat box the password to the first password protected ZIP folder. Wait for the Secretariat to upload the extracted file to Google drive. Afterwards, the Secretariat will prompt you to disclose the password for the PDF document containing the Legal and Technical requirements. If you are present, the Secretariat will ask in the chat box of the Google Meet video conferencing room for the corresponding passwords during the bid opening itself.

If you are not present in the online meeting in Google Meet, the Secretariat will send you an inquiry for such passwords via text message to your registered mobile number. You are given a minimum of five (5) minutes to respond. Should you not respond with the password when prompted, the BAC shall move on to the next bid, if any. If there are no other bids to be considered, the Secretariat shall ask again via text message for the password and you are given another five (5) minutes to respond. Should you fail to respond within the allotted time, your submitted bid will longer be considered.

Under no circumstances should you disclose such passwords BEFORE the scheduled bid opening.

Step 3: Should the Legal and Technical requirements be declared as "**PASSED**", you will be prompted to disclose the password for the second password protected ZIP folder, and subsequently the password for the PDF document containing the financial requirements in the same manner as the passwords of the eligibility documents as described above. You must respond promptly.

Under no circumstances should you disclose such passwords prior to being declared eligible based on the evaluation of his eligibility documents.

Important: Only **three attempts** are given to disclose your password per ZIP folder and PDF file to open the documents. Should you fail to provide the correct password after the third attempt, the submitted bids shall **NOT** be accepted during the bid opening

* For inquiries and other concerns, you may reach the BAC Secretariat through this email address: **bac1@pco.gov.ph** or mobile number at: **09352481213**.

Stay safe and warm regards!

BAC Secretariat

PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS

OPERATIONS OFFICE


ANNEX "A"

Basic House Rules to be observed during BAC Meetings

1. Kindly place your microphone on mute when not speaking.
2. Please raise your hand, and wait to be recognized before you speak (remember to toggle off mute).
3. Turn on video for confirmation of your identity.
4. Meetings will start on time. You are advised to enter the VTC room 30 minutes to resolve technical issues, if any.

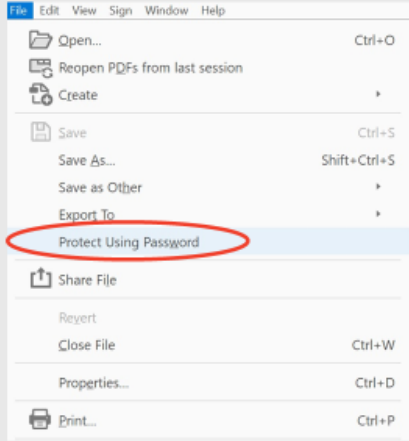
ANNEX “B”

SECURING YOUR FILE




How to Add Password in PDF File


1. Open the PDF file
2. Click the file and choose **“protect using password.”**




How to Add Password in PDF File



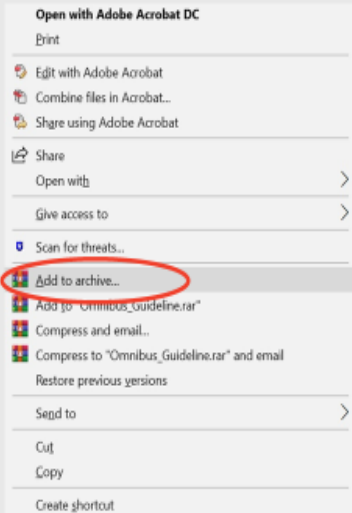
3. In the protect using password dialog box, type your **password twice** and choose "**apply**" at the lower right side of the dialog box.



How to Add Password in ZIP File



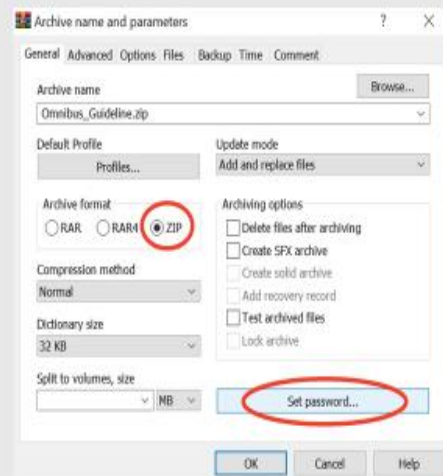
1. Right click the file.
2. Choose "**add to archive.**"





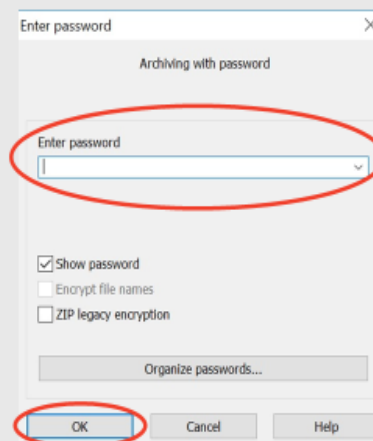
How to Add Password in ZIP File

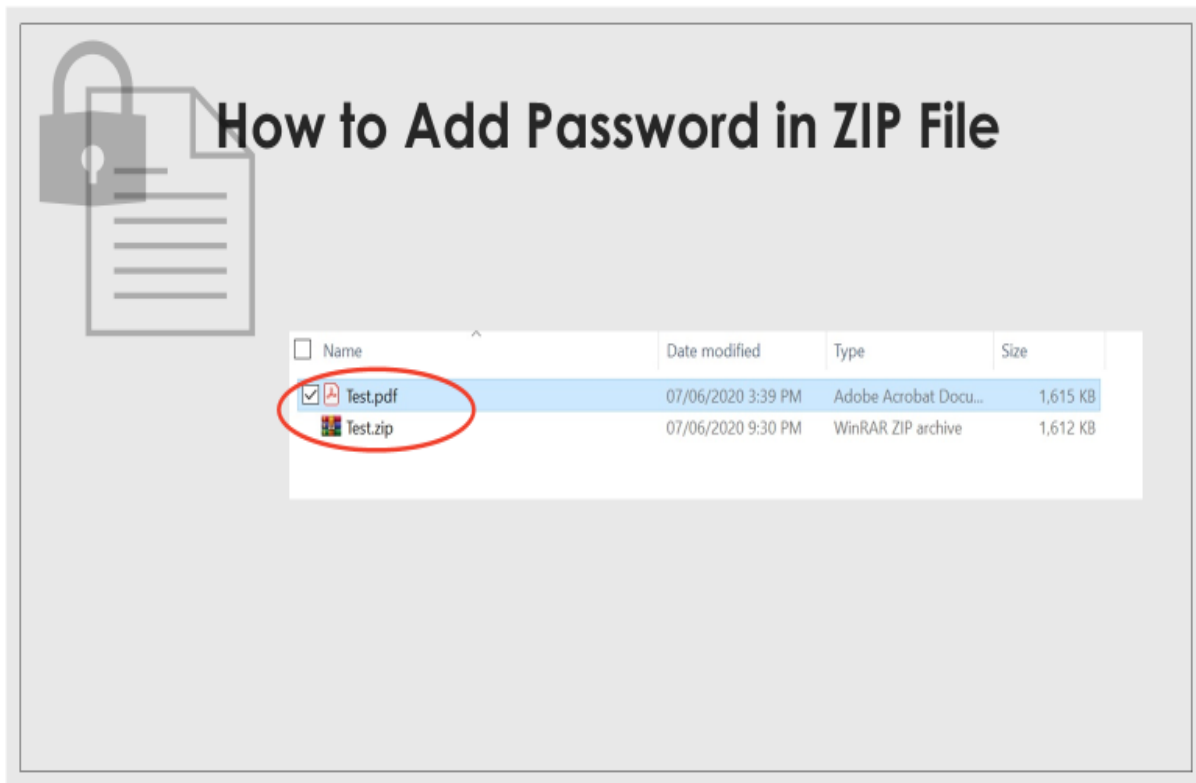
3. In the Archive name and parameters dialog box, choose **"radio button ZIP"** and click **"set password."**



How to Add Password in ZIP File

4. Type your **password** and choose **ok**.



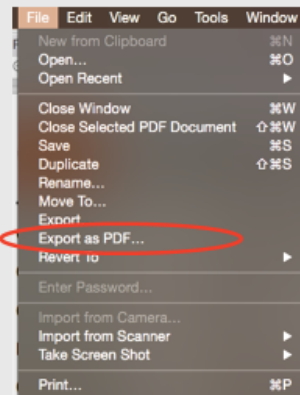


SECURING YOUR FILE (MAC)



How to Add Password in PDF File

1. Open the PDF file using Preview
2. Click file and choose **"Export as PDF"**

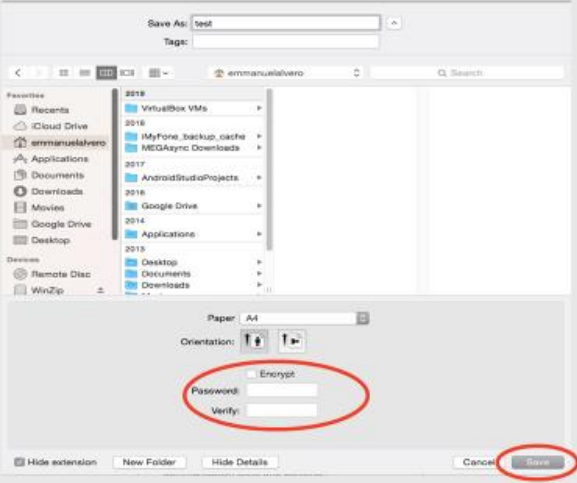





How to Add Password in PDF File

3. Click **"Show Details"**

4. Click **"Encrypt"** enter password in the dialog box and click **"Save"**





How to Add Password in ZIP File

1. Open **"WinZip"**

2. Click the **"Checkbox"** beside **"Encrypt"**

