

Contract Name : INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SUCKERCIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR IFOIGAP – TOBACCO (TCGS) CY 2018-19

Contract ID No. : PB 2018 - 24

Pre-bid Conference

25 October 2018

Present:

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC):

CRISTINA C. LOPEZ, DBA	-	Chairman
ROBERTO R. BONOAN, Ph. D.	-	Member
ATTY. ROHBERT A. AMBROS	-	Member

Technical Working Group (TWG) Staff:

LINA A. CERA - Chief Science Research Specialist

COA Representatives:

MARY ANN A. SANDAAN
JAISA P. BISARES

Prospective Bidders:

FLORENTINO PANGUINAN	-	BINHI Producers Cooperative
RAFAEL ROGACION	-	AGWAY Chemicals Corp.
VINCENT ROBLES	-	AGWAY Chemicals Corp.
ELIS RODIL	-	St. Joseph Agricultural Supply
RANDY HIMOSALES	-	St. Joseph Agricultural Supply

PROCEEDINGS

1. The BAC Chairperson officially called the Pre-bid Conference to order at 10:00 a.m., with the presence of the three (3) BAC Members, therefore constituting a quorum, the COA Representatives, as Witnesses, the TWG staff, and the three (3) prospective bidders.
2. The BAC Chairperson announced the Contract Name of the Project to be bid-out and the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the project, and proceeded to state that the Pre-bid Conference was convened for the purpose of clarifying any gray area and to answer the questions / issues of the prospective bidders, if there be, as called for by the pertinent provision of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.
3. The prospective bidders proceeded to ask questions and raise certain issues, to which the BAC Members and the TWG, responded, as follows:

- 3.1 On the required "Brand" the BAC Members' response was that, no particular brand has been specified in the Technical Specifications, pursuant to the pertinent provision of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184.
- 3.2 On the efficacy testing of the product, BAC Member Dr. Roberto R. Bonoan and TWG Staff, Lina Cera, clarified that the product should have undergone Protocol Testing by the NTA, to test its adaptability and efficacy on tobacco.
- 3.3 On the delivery period, the BAC Members emphasized that the same is strictly seven (7) days only, and that the delivery sites are at the six (6) NTA Branch Offices in Region I and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).
- 3.4 On the further clarification of the Commencement / start of the Delivery period, the BAC Members stated that count down of the Delivery Period will reckon from the date of the receipt of the "Notice to Proceed" of the Winning Bidder / Awardee of the contract.
- 3.5 On the query of the process of Award of the Contract, the BAC Members clarified that the same shall comprise the following steps:
 - a. Issuance of a Notice of Award by the NTA.
 - b. Posting of a Performance Bond by the Awardee / Winning Bidder.
 - c. Perfection by the NTA and the Awardee of a Contract Agreement.
 - d. Issuance by the NTA of a Notice to Proceed.
- 3.6 On the number and sizes of Suckercide bottles, the TWG Staff announced that the total number of bottles is 2,945 in 500 ml, the distribution of which to the six (6) NTA Branch Offices has been identified in the Schedule of Suckercide Requirements / Detailed Bid Form, which was accordingly issued by the BAC together with the Bid Documents.
- 3.7 In addition, the TWG Staff made it clear that the Technical Specification / Active Ingredient of the Suckercide is AI-Flumetralin 14%.
- 3.8 On the question, as to which Agency will issue the Certificate of Product Efficacy, BAC Member Dr. Bonoan clearly stated that, it is the NTA which will issue the said Certificate . Dr. Bonoan further added that all inputs for tobacco production, not only the Suckercide, Insecticide / Fungicide, should pass the NTA test and evaluation to avoid residues, considering that the tobacco buyers are very particular about the same.

Lastly, the BAC Chairman called the attention of the prospective bidders to page 67 of the Bid Documents, clarifying that they should be guided by the Technical Specifications of the Suckercide, as detailed / described in the said page.

There being no other questions / matters to address, the Pre-bid Conference was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by:

on official travel. J

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