



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health

CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

COBAC RESOLUTION NO. 2020-372-A

17 November 2020

**RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE
HIRING OF A MEDIA AGENCY FOR THE PRINT PUBLICATION OF COVID-19
AND OTHER DOH ADVISORIES IN LEADING NATIONAL NEWSPAPER AND
TABLOIDS CY 2020-REBID
IB NO. 2020-230-A**

WHEREAS, Open Competitive Bidding for the Hiring of a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspaper and Tabloids CY 2020-Rebid was conducted in accordance with Republic Act (RA) 9184 and its 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) through the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2020 with a Total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Six Million Seven Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Philippine Pesos (PhP6,709,836.00):

Lot No.	Description	Qty	Unit	Total ABC (PhP)
1	Hiring of a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspaper and Tabloids CY 2020	1	lot	6,709,836.00

WHEREAS, Purchase Requests (PR) and Terms of Reference (TOR) were received from the End-user, Health Promotion and Communication Services (HPCS);

WHEREAS, COBAC Resolution No. 2020-372 “Declaration of Failure of Bidding for the Hiring of a Service Provider a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspaper and Tabloids CY 2020”, was approved;

WHEREAS, on 18 August 2020, Mandatory Review and Pre-Procurement Conference was conducted at 11:00 A.M. at COBAC Conference Room, Department of Health (DOH), to discuss the details of the procurement at hand;

WHEREAS, on 24 August 2020, a memorandum was issued to HPCS relative to the changes made during the above cited conference;

WHEREAS, on 02 September 2020, the revised TOR was received from HPCS;

WHEREAS, on 07 September 2020, the revised PR, clearance and preferred list were received from HPCS;

WHEREAS, on 08 September 2020, the above cited revised documents from HPCS were presented during the 34th COBAC-D Regular Meeting. Upon review and deliberation, the COBAC-D decided to proceed with procurement process;

WHEREAS, on 21 September 2020, the Invitation to Bid (IB) was posted in the DOH websites and in conspicuous places within the premises of the DOH for a continuous period of seven (7) calendar days;

WHEREAS, on 29 September 2020, the Pre-Bidding Conference was conducted as scheduled at 10:00 AM at COBAC Conference Room, Ground Floor, Building 6, DOH with two (2) prospective bidders attending, namely:

- 1. Toolbox Creatives Designs Inc. (TCDI); and,
- 2. Touch XDA Inc. (TXDAI).

WHEREAS, on 01 October 2020, the Minutes of Pre-Bidding Conference was posted on the DOH website;

WHEREAS, Bid Bulletin No. 1, dated 05 October 2020, was issued to clarify the issues and concerns raised during the Pre-bidding Conference and to announce changes in the posted bidding documents;

WHEREAS, the Technical Working Group (TWG) was created through the issuance of Department Personnel Order COBAC No. 2020-327 dated 09 October 2020;

WHEREAS, on 13 October 2020, the Submission and Opening of Bids took place as scheduled at 09:00 A.M. at the COBAC Conference Room, Ground Floor, Bldg. 6, DOH, thru video conference. Two (2) prospective bidder purchased the bidding document and submitted its proposal, namely, TCDI and TXDAI;

WHEREAS, the first envelopes containing the Eligibility and Technical Documents were opened and the presence and validity of all the required documents were verified by the COBAC-D in the presence of the prospective bidders’ representatives. Upon examination, TCDI was declared “INELIGIBLE” due to non-submission of Tax Clearance and Sworn Statement while TXDAI was declared “ELIGIBLE”;

WHEREAS, the second envelope containing the Financial Proposal was opened and the presence, completeness, and correctness of all the required documents were verified by the COBAC-D in the presence of the prospective bidders’ representatives. Upon examination, the “ELIGIBLE” bidder was rated “PASSED” and its proposal was read out publicly and posted in the Abstract of Bids, to wit:

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Name of Company					TCDI	TXDAI
Bid Security					Bid Securing Declaration (BSD)	BSD
Amount					N/A	N/A
Validity					N/A	N/A
REMARKS					Ineligible due to Non-submission of Tax Clearance and Sworn Statement	Eligible and Passed
Lot No.	Item Description	Qty.	Unit	TOTAL ABC (PHP)	BID AS READ (PhP)	
1	Hiring of a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspapers and Tabloids CY 2020	1	lot	6,709,836.00		4,335,239.03

WHEREAS, TXDAI was declared as the single bidder as read subject to evaluation and further arithmetical review and correction of the financial, if necessary and post-qualification;

WHEREAS, on 14 October 2020, the evaluation of the financial proposal of TXDAI was undertaken by the designated TWG-Financial Evaluator;

WHEREAS, on the same day, the TWG-Financial submitted the Abstract of Bids as Calculated, to wit:

Lot No. 1 – Hiring of a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspapers and Tabloids CY 2020

Bidder's Rank	Name of Company	ABC (PhP)	Bid price as calculated (PhP)	% Variance from ABC
Single Calculated Bid (SCB)	TXDAI	6,709,836.00	4,335,239.03	35.38%

WHEREAS, the TWG-Financial had the following findings and submitted its report:

Duly Accomplished and signed Price Schedule	Under the Price Schedule, indicates Item No. instead of Lot No. The columns 9 and 10 cannot be computed due to improper accomplishment of columns 4 and 5.
Net Financing Contacting Capacity (NFCC)	There is a discrepancy in the computation of NFCC. The submitted computation is PhP486,157,817.00 but as computed it is PhP486,157,816.82.

WHEREAS, on 20 October 2020, the Abstract of Bids as Calculated and the TWG-Financial findings were presented to the COBAC-D during its 40th Regular Meeting. Upon review, the Committee decided to proceed with the Post-qualification of the SCB, and to issue clarification on the financial findings;

WHEREAS, on 21 October 2020, the COBAC-D issued a letter through electronic mail (email) to TXDAI requesting clarification on the above cited TWG-Financial findings and requesting for the submission of the Post-qualification requirements within a non-extendable period of five (5) calendar days upon receipt of the notification;

WHEREAS, on 23 October 2020, the COBAC-D received the response from TXDAI on the request for clarification;

WHEREAS, on 26 October 2020, TXDAI submitted its Post-Qualification requirements within the prescribed timeline;

WHEREAS, on 27 October 2020, the detailed evaluation of the eligibility, technical requirements and post-qualification documents of the SCB were undertaken by the designated TWG to verify, validate and ascertain the documents submitted by the SCB;

WHEREAS, on 28 October 2020, the TWG-Legal and Financial, submitted their respective reports and upon evaluation, found the bid of TXDAI “responsive” while the TWG-Technical submitted its report requesting for clarification on the submitted preferred list of TXDAI;

WHEREAS, on 30 October 2020, the COBAC-D requested the Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE) through its Undersecretary of Health of Public Health Service Team for the extension of the post-qualification evaluation in accordance with Section 34.8 of 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 and was subsequently approved;

WHEREAS, on 03 November 2020, the TWG reports were presented to the COBAC-D during its 42nd Regular Meeting. Upon review and deliberation, the Committee concurred with the TWG recommendation and decided to issue a letter to TXDAI requesting to clarify the TWG-Technical findings;

WHEREAS, on 04 November 2020, a letter was issued to TXDAI requesting to clarify the TWG-Technical findings;

WHEREAS, 06 November 2020, the COBAC-D received the response of TXDAI and was subsequently forwarded to the TWG for evaluation;

WHEREAS, on 10 November 2020, the TWG-Technical, upon evaluation, found TXDAI “responsive”. /

WHEREAS, on __ November 2020, the cited reports were presented to the COBAC-D. Upon review and deliberation, the Committee concurred with the TWG recommendation and declared the bid of TXDAI, “post-qualified”;

WHEREAS, on 11 November 2020, TWG submitted the final Bid Evaluation and Post-Qualification Reports (BEPQR) citing TXDAI “Responsive” to all the requirements and conditions specified in the bidding documents;

WHEREAS, 17 November 2020, the BEPQR were presented to the COBAC-D. The Committee reviewed and deliberated the TWG reports as well as the documents submitted by the SCB for the lot listed below and the following are the salient points of the deliberation:

Lot No.	Description	Name of Bidder	Bidder's Rank	ABC (PhP)	Bid Price (PhP)	TWG		COBAC	
						Finding	Recommendation	Finding	Recommendation
1	Hiring of a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspaper and Tabloids CY 2020	TXDAI	SCB	6,709,836.00	4,335,239.03	The SCB passed the post qualification and found to have complied with the legal, technical and financial requirements.	Responsive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBAC-D conforms to the recommendation of the TWG. • TXDAI is determined to be responsive and have complied with all the requirements and conditions as specified in the Philippine Bidding 	Single Calculated Responsive Bid (SCRB)

								Documents and recommended for the award of contract.	
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WHEREAS, at the time of signing of this resolution, there is no pending incident, no pending Request for Reconsideration, no pending Protest and the COBAC-D followed the requirements set forth in RA 9184;


NOW THEREFORE, on the basis of the above, the herein members of the COBAC-D **HEREBY RESOLVE**, to recommend the award of contract to **Touch XDA, Inc.** determined as the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid with a Total Contract Price of **Four Million Three Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Philippine Pesos and Three Centavos (PhP4,335,239.03)** inclusive of other taxes for the lot listed below:

Lot No.	Particulars	Quantity	Unit	Total Bid Price (PhP)
1	Hiring of a Media Agency for the Print Publication of COVID-19 and other DOH Advisories in Leading National Newspaper and Tabloids CY 2020	1	lot	4,335,239.03


Signed this NOV 24 2020 day of _____ 2020 at the Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.


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