



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health

CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

COBAC RESOLUTION NO. 2021-157

04 March 2021

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HIV RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST – 1 (SCREENING TEST) IB No. 2021-084

WHEREAS, an Open Competitive Bidding for the Procurement of HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test – 1 (Screening Test) was conducted in accordance with Republic Act (RA) 9184 and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) through the General Appropriations Act of 2021 with a total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Twenty-Five Million Seventeen Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php25,017,000.00);

Item No.	Particular	Qty.	Unit	Total ABC (Php)
1	HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test - 1 (Screening Test)	500,340	test	25,017,000.00

WHEREAS, on 11 November 2020, the Pre-procurement Conference was conducted at 10:00 A.M. at the COBAC Conference Room, Building 6, Department of Health (DOH) to determine the readiness of the procurement at hand;

WHEREAS, on 18 November 2020, the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC)-C issued a memorandum to the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB) requesting for submission of revised Purchase Request (PR);

WHEREAS, on 25 November 2020, DPCB submitted the revised PR;

WHEREAS, this procurement was processed as part of Early Procurement Activities pursuant to Section 7.6. of RA 9184 and the updated revised IRR;

WHEREAS, on 14 December 2020, the Invitation to Bid (IB) was posted in the PhilGEPS and DOH websites and in conspicuous places within the premises of the DOH for a continuous period of seven (7) calendar days;

WHEREAS, the Technical Working Group (TWG) was created through the issuance of Department Personnel Order COBAC No. 2021-428 dated 17 December 2020;

WHEREAS, on 21 December 2020, the Pre-bidding Conference took place as scheduled at 10:00 A.M. at the COBAC Conference Room, Building 6, DOH and through Cisco Webex, two (2) prospective bidders attended the cited conference, namely:

1. Prime Medix Enterprises (PME); and,
2. Murex Diagnostic Product (MDP).

WHEREAS, on 23 December 2020, the Minutes of Meeting of the Pre-bidding Conference was posted in the DOH website;

WHEREAS, on 28 December 2020, a memorandum was issued to DPCB, requesting for the submission of revised PR based on the modifications made by the TWG – Technical who attended the above cited conference;

WHEREAS, Bid Bulletin No. 1, dated 29 December 2020, was issued to postponed the Submission and Opening of Bids until further notice;

WHEREAS, on 06 January 2021, revised PR was received from DPCB;

WHEREAS, Bid Bulletin No. 2, dated 07 January 2021, was issued to announce the new schedule of the Submission and Opening of Bids, and changes in Section III. Bid Data Sheet ITB Clause 21.2 and Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents as indicated in the posted Bidding Document;

WHEREAS, on 14 January 2021, the Submission and Opening of Bids took place as re-scheduled at 9:00 A.M. at the COBAC Conference Room, Building 6, DOH;

WHEREAS, one (1) prospective bidder purchased the bidding document and submitted its bid proposal, namely, Allied Hospital Supply International Corporation (AHSIC);

WHEREAS, the first envelope, containing the Eligibility and Technical Documents, was opened and the presence, completeness and correctness of all the documents were verified by the COBAC-C in the presence of the prospective bidder's representative. Upon examination, AHSIC was declared "ELIGIBLE";

WHEREAS, the second envelope, containing the Financial Proposal was opened and the presence, completeness and correctness of the Financial Documents were verified by the COBAC-C. Upon examination, the eligible bidder was rated "PASSED" and subsequently its proposal was read out publicly and posted in the Abstract of Bids, to wit:

Name of Company				AHSIC	
Bid Security				BID SECURING DECLARATION	
Amount				N/A	
Validity				120 CALENDAR DAYS	
REMARKS				ELIGIBLE/PASSED	
Item No.	Item Description	QTY	UNIT	TOTAL ABC (Php)	Total Bid Price as Read (Php)
1	HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test - 1 (Screening Test)	500,340	test	25,017,000.00	25,017,000.00

WHEREAS, the COBAC-C declared AHSIC as the single bidder as read subject to further arithmetical correction of financial bid, if necessary;

WHEREAS, on 15 January 2021, the evaluation of the financial proposal of AHSIC was undertaken by the designated TWG - Financial evaluator;

WHEREAS, on 20 January 2021, TWG-Financial submitted the Abstract of Bids as Calculated, to wit:

Item No. 1 – 500,340 tests of HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test - 1 (Screening Test)

Bidder's Rank	Name of Company	ABC (Php)	Bid as Calculated Amount (Php)	% Variance from ABC
Single Calculated Bid (SCB)	AHSIC	25,017,000.00	25,017,000.00	0%

WHEREAS, on 21 January 2021, TWG Financial found AHSIC non-compliant with the financial requirement and submitted its initial evaluation report, to wit:

Requirement/Condition	Findings/Comments
Original of duly signed and accomplished Financial Bid Form	<p>The bidder failed to include the Mandatory Provisions required for Bid Form under GPPB Resolution NO. 16-2020 Section 6.1 (a)(ii), to wit:</p> <p>“The Bid Price shall include the cost of all taxes, such as, but not limited to, value added tax, income tax, local taxes, and other fiscal levies and duties which shall be itemized in the bid form and reflected in the price schedule or detailed estimates.”</p>

WHEREAS, on 22 January 2021, the COBAC-C issued a memorandum to the Cluster Head of the DPCB requesting for an extension of the Bid Evaluation which was later approved;

WHEREAS, on 25 January 2021, the Abstract of Bids as Calculated together with the initial Evaluation report were presented to the COBAC-C. Upon review and deliberation, concurred with the recommendation of the TWG-Financial and found out AHSIC non-compliant;

WHEREAS, on 26 January 2021, the COBAC-C issued a letter to AHSIC declaring their bid failed through e-mail;

WHEREAS, on 27 January 2021, AHSIC filed a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) through e-mail within the prescribed timeline;

WHEREAS, on 28 January 2021, the RfR was presented to COBAC-C during its 15th Regular Meeting and decided to forward to the TWG, for appropriate action;

WHEREAS, on the same date, COBAC-C issued a letter to AHSIC acknowledging the receipt of the RfR;

WHEREAS, on 03 February 2021, TWG submitted its response recommending to grant the RfR of AHSIC on the grounds that applicable taxes were already included in the submitted Price Schedule;

WHEREAS, on 04 February 2021, TWG report and its recommendation were presented to COBAC-C during its 16th Regular Meeting. The Committee concurred with the recommendations of the TWG and decided to grant the RfR subject to post-qualification;

WHEREAS, on 05 February 2021, the COBAC-C issued a letter through e-mail to AHSIC granting their RfR;

WHEREAS, on 08 February 2021, the COBAC-C issued a letter through electronic-mail (e-mail) to AHSIC requesting for the submission of the Post-Qualification requirements within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days upon receipt of notification;

WHEREAS, on 11 February 2021, AHSIC submitted its Post-Qualification requirements;

WHEREAS, on 15 February 2021, 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 the same date, TWG Legal, Technical, and Financial found the bid of AHSIC “Responsive” and subsequently submitted their respective reports;

WHEREAS, on 18 February 2021, TWG reports were presented to the COBAC-C during its 19th Regular Meeting. The Committee concurred with the recommendation of the TWG and found AHSIC “Post-qualified”;

WHEREAS, on 02 March 2021, the TWG submitted the final Bid Evaluation and Post-Qualification Report (BEPOR) citing AHSIC “Responsive” to all the requirements and conditions specified in the bidding documents;

WHEREAS, on 04 March 2021, the BEPOR was presented. The Committee reviewed and deliberated the TWG report as well as the documents submitted by the SCB for the item listed below and the following are the salient points of the deliberation:

Item No.	Description	Name of Bidder	Bidder's Rank	Total ABC (Php)	Bid Price (Php)	TWG		COBAC	
						Finding	Recommendation	Finding	Recommendation
1	HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test – 1 (Screening Test)	AHSIC	SCB	25,017,000.00	25,017,000.00	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 conforms with the recommendation of the TWG • AHSIC is determined to be responsive and have complied to all the requirements and conditions as specified in the Philippine Bidding Documents and recommended for the award of contract. 	Single Calculated and Responsive Bid (SCRB)

WHEREAS, at the time of the signing of this resolution, there is no pending incident, no pending Request for Reconsideration, no pending Protest and the COBAC-C followed the requirements set forth in R.A. 9184;

WHEREAS, the cited item is included in the DOH Annual Procurement Plan of CY2021 and the contract amount to be awarded is not higher than the amount appropriated in the GAA;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the herein members of the COBAC-C **HEREBY RESOLVE** to recommend the award of contract to **Allied Hospital Supply International Corporation** determined as the Single Calculated and Responsive Bid with a Total Contract Price of Twenty-Five Million Seventeen Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP25,017,000.00) inclusive of other taxes for the item listed below:

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1	HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test – 1 (Screening Test)	500,340	Test	25,017,000.00

Signed this **MAR 15 2021** day of _____ 2021 at the Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

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