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CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

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PROCUREMENT OF TRIPLE BLOOD BAG
IB NO. 2024-123

This Bid Bulletin is being issued to announce the new schedule of the Submission and Opening of Bids previously set on 18 December 2023, to respond to the queries during the Pre-Bidding Conference, and to respond to the letters of the Prospective Bidders (PBs) for the above-cited project. This Bid Bulletin shall form an integral part of the bidding document. Listed below are the corresponding modifications/changes:

1. **New Schedule of the Submission and Opening of Bids**

From	To	Venue
18 December 2023; 9:00 AM	**27 December 2023; 9:00 AM**	COBAC Conference Room, Ground Floor, Bldg. 6, Department of Health, Sta. Cruz, Manila, and/or through video conferencing or webcasting via Cisco Webex

2. **Queries during the Pre-Bidding Conference**

Particular	Inquiry	Response
Schedule of Requirements: Quantity: 148,550 pieces Total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC): PhP42,336,750.00 Delivery Site: Selected Blood Service Facilities Delivered, Calendar Days: Sixty (60) calendar days upon receipt of the approved Notice to Proceed (NTP).	• A PB suggested to amend the delivery schedule from 60 calendar days (cds) to 120 (cds) considering that the shelf life must be fresh commercial stock with a total shelf life of eighteen (18) months from the date of receipt by the end-user. • Some of the PBs suggested to amend the delivery site from Selected Blood Service Facilities to DOH Warehouse since the ABC is insufficient or too low for the on-site deliveries.	• No changes, schedule of delivery shall retain to 60 cds. • No changes, delivery sites shall remain to be delivered to Selected Blood Service Facilities.
Technical Specifications: **5.** With sample site coupler and diversion pouch: a) Sample site coupler must be fitted with a safety cap in situ b) Barrel of the sample site coupler must extend at least 20mm	A PB requested to amend the 5.b specification to wit: 5. xxx a) xxx b) Barrel of the sample site coupler must extend **at least**	No changes, will retain the 20mm beyond the tip of the needle.

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beyond the tip of the needle c) Compatible with 10ml red evacuated tubes that perfectly fits on the tube holder	**13mm beyond the tip of the rubber cover of the needle** c) xxx	

3. **Letters from the PBs:**

PB	Requirement	Query	Response
Endure Medical, Inc. (EMI)	**Additional Requirements to be attached to Technical Specifications form arranged, numbered and tabbed as enumerated below:** 7. Performance Testing: Certification from the Blood Facility (Blood Center of HBB+) with very satisfactory evaluation for at least three (3) years in the local market	We would like to point out that the three (3) years in the local market requirement is arbitrary and anti-competitive; and we would like to clarify the basis of the foregoing requirement. With all due respect, the foregoing is **arbitrary** because there is no relevant difference between a Triple Blood Bag with very satisfactory evaluation on HBB+ Blood Center but which is (a) three (3) years in the local market compared to (b) one which is less than three (3) years in the local market, e.g. one (1) year. Further, it unduly restricts competition by preventing products less than three (3) years in the market from being offered in this procurement project. In GPPB NPM No. 136-2017, GPPB opined that additional specifications may be required by the procuring entity as long as: (1) it is necessary to meet its needs and (2) it shall not restrict competition. Applied in this Procurement Project, there	Request denied. The disposable blood bags market is highly competitive, with several key players vying for market share. It is crucial in the blood service delivery that the blood bag has an expanded geographical presence in the local market and the end-user in particular must be assured of its quality and constant availability. A proof or certification from other end-users on the performance and usage of their blood bags for at least a three-year period would entail assurance that the blood bag is good quality, no reported shortage and delay in the supply delivery, and such will enable efficient distribution to other Blood Service Facilities.

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		is no showing that the foregoing arbitrary requirement of three (3) years is necessary to meet the needs of DOH and further it restricts competition. That said, may we request the reduction of the required number of years in the local market and the corresponding amendment of the foregoing specification to read, *viz*, 7. Performance Testing: Certification from the Blood Facility (Blood Center of HBB+) with very satisfactory evaluation for at least **<u>one (1) year</u>** in the local market	
Fresenius Kabi Phils, Inc. (FKPI)	**Technical Specifications:** 5. xxx a. xxx b. Barrel of the sample site coupler must extend at least 20mm beyond the tip of the needle c. xxx	**Technical Specifications:** 5. xxx a. xxx b. Barrel of the sample site coupler must extend **<u>at least 13mm from the tip of the rubber cover of the needle</u>** c. xxx	Request denied, will retain the 20mm beyond the tip of the needle.

All other provisions indicated in the bidding documents which are not affected shall remain in force and in effect.

For guidance and information of all concerned.

Sgd.
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