



NOTICE FOR NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT

ITB/ Identification No. NP 2024-1

(GAA) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PASSENGER VAN (2 UNITS) (NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT- TWO FAILED BIDDINGS)

- The PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER, through the GAA Fund intends to apply the sum of Five Million Pesos (P 5,000,000.00) being the ABC to payments under the contract for (GAA) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PASSENGER VAN (2 UNITS) (NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT- TWO FAILED BIDDINGS) under ITB/Identification No. NP 2024-1. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
- 2. The **PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER** now invites bids for the above Procurement Project. Completion of the Works is required within **60 calendar days** upon acceptance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Bidders should have completed, within **five (5) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project.
- 3. Prospective Bidders may obtain further information from PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during Monday to Friday (8am-5pm) except weekends and holidays.
- 4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders from January 2-11, 2024 from the given address and website(s) below and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P 2,000.00) non-refundable. The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees presented in person, by facsimile, or through electronic means not later than the submission of their bids.
- 5. We encourage bidders to download the bidding documents through PhilGEPS or the PCC Website and pay through bank. Please coordinate with the BAC Secretariat Office through the email address and contact number given below for the bank detail procedures.

Prospective Bidders may pay the bidding documents through bank deposit to:

Bank Name/Branch: Land Bank of the Philippines-CLSU

Bank Account No. 2962-1020-37

Account Name: PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER

LBP Branch where the deposit was made:

Prospective Bidders must email the scanned copy of deposit slip to BAC Secretariat Office with the following details:

- Project Title
- Company Name with Contact Information

BAC Secretariat Office: bac-secretariat@pcc.gov.ph

PCC Cashier's Office will issue Official Receipt after the validation/confirmation of the bank deposit.

6. **Sealed Quotation/Bid Proposal** must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through manual submission/personal delivery or through courier at the PCC BAC Secretariat Office on or before **January 11, 2024 (9am)**. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Bidders must ensure that the Bid Proposals are properly delivered and received by the BAC Secretariat Office on or before the deadline of submission.

- 7. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount/percentage included in the checklist.
- 8. Bid opening shall be on **January 11, 2024 (10am)** at the given address below through web conference platform via Zoom (face to face for the BAC).

A Personal Meeting ID will be sent to participants through email who submitted bid proposals.

- 9. The **PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER** reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Sections 35.6 and 41 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
- 10. The DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) does not condone any forms of solicitation on any prospective winning and losing bidders by any of our staff/employees or any other party. Any sort of this kind shall be reported immediately to the Office of the Secretary of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) for entrapment and proper investigation.

For further information, please refer to:

MS. NOEMI V. BALAIS

Head, BAC Secretariat Office
PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER
National Headquarters and Gene Pool
Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija
Tel. and Fax No. (044) 456-0729
Email: bac-secretariat@pcc.gov.ph

Website: www.pcc.gov.ph

ERIC P. PALACPAC

Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee January 2, 2024

Sealed Quotation/Bid Proposal must include the following:

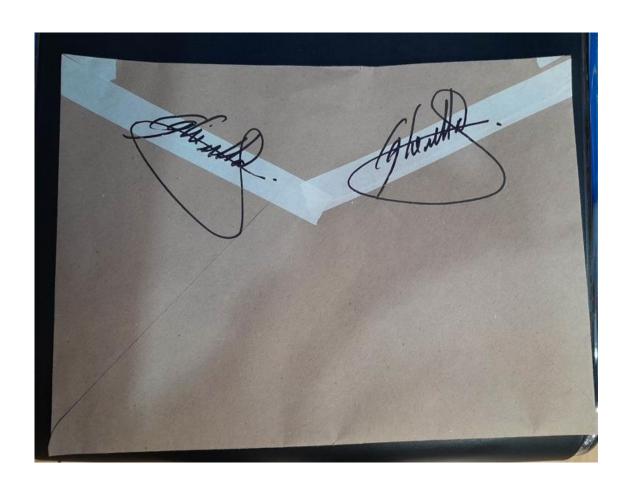
	ELIGILITY AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS
1	Valid PhilGEPS Registration Certificate (Platinum Membership) including all pages of the updated Annex A (in accordance with Section 8.5.2 of the IRR of RA 9184)
2	Statement of the prospective bidder of All Ongoing Government and Private Contracts (including contract awarded but not yet started, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid) AND
	Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) similar to the contract to be bid within the last five (5) years supported by End-user's certificate of acceptance OR Official Receipt(s) OR Sales Invoice issued for the completed project.
3	Original Copy of Bid Security (any of the following:) Notarized Bid Securing Declaration (with Project Identification No.) original and duly signed OR Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank (2% of the total ABC) OR Surety Bond with certification issued by the Insurance Commission (5% of the
4	total ABC) Conformity with the Technical Specifications
	Section VI Schedule of Requirements AND
	 Section VII Technical Specifications State "comply" or "not comply" against each of the individual parameter of the item to offered. Attach brochure/manufacturer's un-amended sales literature/ unconditional statements of specifications and compliance issued by the manufacturer, samples, independent test dataetc. as appropriate. Conformity with the Technical Specifications which may include production/delivery schedule, manpower requirements, and/or aftersales/parts, if applicable Please attach pictures of existing farm (if there's any) and proposed animals (applicable for projects related to livestock only)
5	Notarized Original duly signed Omnibus Sworn Statement (OSS) and if applicable, Original Notarized Secretary's Certificate in case of a corporation, partnership, or cooperative; or Original Special Power of Attorney of all members of the joint venture giving full power and authority to its officer to sign the OSS and do acts to represent the Bidder.
6	Computation of Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) at least equivalent to the total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) OR Committed Line of Credit from Universal or Commercial Bank (10% of ABC) in lieu of its
	NFCC Computation.
7	Duly signed Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) if applicable OR
	Duly notarized statements from all the potential joint venture partners stating that they will enter into and abide by the provisions of the JVA in the instance that the bid is successful.
	FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS
8	Financial Bid Form (original and duly signed)
9	Price Schedule for Goods from the Abroad/Philippines (original and duly signed)

Template for the submission of Sealed Quotation/Bid Proposal (One Envelope only)

Contact No)
	: (GAA) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PASSENGER VAN (2 UNITS (NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT- TWO FAILED BIDDINGS)
	ITB/ Identification No. NP 2024-1
	BIDS AND AWARD COMMITTEE BAC Secretariat Office (2 nd Floor) PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER National Headquarters and Gene Pool Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija
	Do not open before (insert date and time of Bid Opening)

SAMPLE GUIDE FOR SEALING OF BID (1 ENVELOPE ONLY)

• Signature should be at the **SEALED FLAP** of the envelope



Other Instruction/s:

FOR GOODS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

1. All bidders shall upload and maintain in PhilGEPS a <u>current and updated file of the following Class "A" eligibility documents</u> under Sections 23.1(a) and 24.1(a) of RA 9184.

Refer for PhilGEPS Advisory No. 2022-039 dated December 10, 2022

2. The notarized documents particularly the Bid Securing Declaration (BSD) and the Omnibus Sworn Statement (OSS) should have two different Document No. certified by the notary public, as these are two different or separate documents.

All notarized documents should have a dry seal.

3. Declare <u>all</u> ongoing Government and Private Contracts (including contract awarded but not yet started, whether similar or not similar in nature.

FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- 4. <u>Do not add/delete items</u> in the issued bid form/detailed estimates for infrastructure projects (modification of bid form).
- 5. Bidders are advised to <u>distribute the discounts offered</u> (if applicable) to the detailed estimates instead in the bid form.
- 6. The Certificate of Site Inspection should be signed by the PCC Center Director OR his/her authorized representative from the PCC. Prospective bidders may coordinate with the PCC regional centers being the end-user/project implementor. Electronic signature will be allowed for the said certificate.

FINANCIAL BID FORM FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS [shall be submitted with the Bid]

	Date: Project Identification No.:
Nationa	PINE CARABAO CENTER Il Headquarters and Gene Pool City of Muńoz, Nueva Ecija
Bid Bulletin Nu undersigned, o said PBDs for th evaluated and o the Price Sched cost of all taxes (VAT), (ii) inco	camined the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBDs) including the Supplemental or mbers [insert numbers], the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the ffer to [supply/deliver/perform] [description of the Goods] in conformity with the ne sum of [total Bid amount in words and figures] or the total calculated bid price, as corrected for computational errors, and other bid modifications in accordance with lules attached herewith and made part of this Bid. The total bid price includes the s, such as, but not limited to: [specify the applicable taxes, e.g. (i) value added tax me tax, (iii) local taxes, and (iv) other fiscal levies and duties], which are itemized a Price Schedules,
	If our Bid is accepted, we undertake:
a.	to deliver the goods in accordance with the delivery schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements of the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBDs);
b.	to provide a performance security in the form, amounts, and within the times prescribed in the PBDs;
C.	to abide by the Bid Validity Period specified in the PBDs and it shall remain binding upon us at any time before the expiration of that period.
Comm	this paragraph if Foreign-Assisted Project with the Development Partner: issions or gratuities, if any, paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Bid, and ecution if we are awarded the contract, are listed below:
Name and add	ress Amount and Purpose of agent Currency Commission or gratuity

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(if none, state "None")]	

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your Notice of Award, shall be binding upon us.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the Lowest Calculated Bid or any Bid you may receive.

We certify/confirm that we comply with the eligibility requirements pursuant to the PBDs.

The undersigned is authorized to submit the bid on behalf of *[name of the bidder]* as evidenced by the attached *[state the written authority]*.

We acknowledge that failure to sign each and every page of this Bid Form, including the attached Schedule of Prices, shall be a ground for the rejection of our bid.

Name:	
Legal capacity:	
Signature:	
	half of:
Date:	

PRICE SCHEDULE FOR GOODS OFFERED FROM ABROAD [shall be submitted with the Bid if bidder is offering goods from Abroad]

			For G	oods Offered	from Abr	oad		
Name o	Name of Bidder				Project I	D No	Page c	of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Item	Description	Countr y of origin	Quantity	Unit price CIF port of entry (specify port) or CIP named place (specify border point or place of destination)	Total CIF or CIP price per item (col. 4 x 5)	Unit Price Delivered Duty Unpaid (DDU)	Unit price Delivere d Duty Paid (DDP)	Total Price delivered DDP (col 4 x 8)
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_				nd behalf of:				

PRICE SCHEDULE FOR GOODS OFFERED FROM WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES [shall be submitted with the Bid if bidder is offering goods from within the Philippines]

For Goods Offered from Within the Philippines

Name	of Bidder				Proje	ect ID No		Page	_of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Item	Description	Countr y of origin	Quantity	Unit pric e EXW pe r ite m	Transportati on and all other costs incidental to delivery, per item	Sales and other taxes payable if Contract is awarded , per item	Cost of Incidental Services, if applicable , per item	Total Price, per unit (col 5+6+7+ 8)	Total Price delivered Final Destinatio n (col 9) x (col 4)
Legal	:: Capacity:_						1		
	ture:								
Duly	authorized	to sign th	ie Bid for	and be	half of:				

STATEMENT OF ALL ONGOING GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CONTRACTS

(including awarded but not yet started, whether similar or not similar in nature)

Name of the Contract	Date of the Contract	Contract Duration	Owner's name and Address	Kinds of Goods	Amount of Contract and Value of Outstanding Contracts
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
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TOTAL OF ALL ON	P				

Note: If no ongoing contract, the bidder shall state "none".

Name of Company	:
Name and Signature of	f bidder/authorized signatory:
Date Accomplished	:

STATEMENT OF SINGLE LARGEST COMPLETED CONTRACT (SLCC) SIMILAR TO THE CONTRACT TO BE BID

(at least 50% of the ABC within the last five (5) years)

Name of the Contract	Date of the Contract	Contract Duration	Owner's name and Address	Kinds of Goods	Amount of Contract	Date of Delivery
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

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This Statement shall be supported by End-user's acceptance OR Official Receipt(s) OR Sales Invoice issued for the completed project.

Name of Company	•
Name and Signature of	f bidder/authorized signatory:
Date Accomplished	;

NET FINANCIAL CONTRACTING CAPACITY (NFCC)

The computation of a prospective bidder's NFCC must be at least equal to the ABC to be bid, calculated as follows:

NFCC = [(Current assets minus current liabilities) (15)] minus the value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the projects under ongoing contracts, including awarded contracts yet to be started, coinciding with the contract to be bid.

The values of the domestic bidder's current assets and current liabilities shall be based on the latest Audited Financial Statements submitted to the BIR.

For purposes of computing the foreign bidders' NFCC, the value of the current assets and current liabilities shall be based on their audited financial statements prepared in accordance with international financial reporting standards.

	Amount
Current Assets	P
Less: Current Liabilities	P
Sub-Total	P
Multiplied by 15	P
Sub-Total	P
Less: Value of all outstanding or uncompleted portions of the projects under ongoing contracts, including awarded contracts yet to be started, coinciding with the contract to be bid.	P
Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC)	P

Name of Company	<u></u>
Name and Signature o	f bidder/authorized signatory:
Date Accomplished	:

(Name of Bank) CREDIT LINE CERTIFICATE

Date:	
DR. CARO B. SALCES OIC, Executive Director PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTI National Headquarters and Ge Science City of Muńoz, Nueva	ene Pool
Contract/Project Company/Firm Address Bank/Financing Institution Address Amount	
indicated above, commits t awarded the above-mention	hat the above Bank/Financing Institution with business address to provide the (Supplier/Distributor/Manufacturer/Contractor), if the Contract, a credit line in the amount specified above which shall ce the performance of the above-mentioned contract subject to our rements.
(Supplier/Distributor/Manu	be available within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt by the facturer/Contractor) of the Notice of Award and such line of credit project is completed by the Contractor.
Contractor) in connection w	being issued in favor of said (Supplier/Distributor Manufacturer/rith the bidding requirement of PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER for act. We are aware that any false statements issued by us make us
This committed line written approval of PHILIPP	e of credit cannot be terminated or cancelled without the prior PINE CARABAO CENTER.
Name and Signature of Authorize	ed Financing Institution Office
Official Designation	
Concurred By:	
Name & Signature of (Supplier/D	Distributor/Manufacturer/Contractor's) Authorized Representative
Official Designation	

BID SECURING DECLARATION FORM

[shall be submitted with the Bid if bidder opts to provide this form of bid security]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)		
CITY OF) S.S.	
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BID SECURING DECLARATION

Project Identification No. NP 2024-1

To: PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER

National Headquarters and Gene Pool Science City of Muńoz, Nueva Ecija

I/We, the undersigned, declare that:

- 1. I/We understand that, according to your conditions, bids must be supported by a Bid Security, which may be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration.
- 2. I/We accept that: (a) I/we will be automatically disqualified from bidding for any procurement contract with any procuring entity for a period of two (2) years upon receipt of your Blacklisting Order; and, (b) I/we will pay the applicable fine provided under Section 6 of the Guidelines on the Use of Bid Securing Declaration, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the written demand by the procuring entity for the commission of acts resulting to the enforcement of the bid securing declaration under Sections 23.1(b), 34.2, 40.1 and 69.1, except 69.1(f),of the IRR of RA No. 9184; without prejudice to other legal action the government may undertake.
- 3. I/We understand that this Bid Securing Declaration shall cease to be valid on the following circumstances:
 - a. Upon expiration of the bid validity period, or any extension thereof pursuant to your request;
 - b. I am/we are declared ineligible or post-disqualified upon receipt of your notice to such effect, and (i) I/we failed to timely file a request for reconsideration or (ii) I/we filed a waiver to avail of said right; and
 - c. I am/we are declared the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid, and I/we have furnished the performance security and signed the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set my/our hand/s this _____ day of [month] [year] at [place of execution].

[Insert NAME OF BIDDER OR ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE]
[Insert signatory's legal capacity]
Affiant

[Jurat]

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OMNIBUS SWORN STATEMENT [shall be submitted with the Bid]

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)	
CITY/MUNICIPALITY OF) S.S

AFFIDAVIT

- I, [Name of Affiant], of legal age, [Civil Status], [Nationality], and residing at [Address of Affiant], after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:
- 1. [Select one, delete the other:]

[If a sole proprietorship:] I am the sole proprietor or authorized representative of [Name of Bidder] with office address at [address of Bidder];

[If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:] I am the duly authorized and designated representative of [Name of Bidder] with office address at [address of Bidder];

2. [Select one, delete the other:]

[If a sole proprietorship:] As the owner and sole proprietor, or authorized representative of [Name of Bidder], I have full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for [Name of the Project] of the [Name of the Procuring Entity], as shown in the attached duly notarized Special Power of Attorney;

[If a partnership, corporation, cooperative, or joint venture:] I am granted full power and authority to do, execute and perform any and all acts necessary to participate, submit the bid, and to sign and execute the ensuing contract for [Name of the Project] of the [Name of the Procuring Entity], as shown in the attached [state title of attached document showing proof of authorization (e.g., duly notarized Secretary's Certificate, Board/Partnership Resolution, or Special Power of Attorney, whichever is applicable;)];

- 3. [Name of Bidder] is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by the Government of the Philippines or any of its agencies, offices, corporations, or Local Government Units, foreign government/foreign or international financing institution whose blacklisting rules have been recognized by the Government Procurement Policy Board, by itself or by relation, membership, association, affiliation, or controlling interest with another blacklisted person or entity as defined and provided for in the Uniform Guidelines on Blacklisting;
- 4. Each of the documents submitted in satisfaction of the bidding requirements is an authentic copy of the original, complete, and all statements and information provided therein are true and correct;
- 5. [Name of Bidder] is authorizing the Head of the Procuring Entity or its duly authorized representative(s) to verify all the documents submitted;
- 6. [Select one, delete the rest:]

[If a sole proprietorship:] The owner or sole proprietor is not related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical

Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

[If a partnership or cooperative:] None of the officers and members of [Name of Bidder] is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

[If a corporation or joint venture:] None of the officers, directors, and controlling stockholders of [Name of Bidder] is related to the Head of the Procuring Entity, members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Technical Working Group, and the BAC Secretariat, the head of the Project Management Office or the end-user unit, and the project consultants by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree;

- 7. [Name of Bidder] complies with existing labor laws and standards; and
- 8. *[Name of Bidder]* is aware of and has undertaken the responsibilities as a Bidder in compliance with the Philippine Bidding Documents, which includes:
 - a. Carefully examining all of the Bidding Documents;
 - b. Acknowledging all conditions, local or otherwise, affecting the implementation of the Contract:
 - c. Making an estimate of the facilities available and needed for the contract to be bid, if any; and
 - d. Inquiring or securing Supplemental/Bid Bulletin(s) issued for the [Name of the Project].
- 9. [Name of Bidder] did not give or pay directly or indirectly, any commission, amount, fee, or any form of consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, to any person or official, personnel or representative of the government in relation to any procurement project or activity.
- 10. In case advance payment was made or given, failure to perform or deliver any of the obligations and undertakings in the contract shall be sufficient grounds to constitute criminal liability for Swindling (Estafa) or the commission of fraud with unfaithfulness or abuse of confidence through misappropriating or converting any payment received by a person or entity under an obligation involving the duty to deliver certain goods or services, to the prejudice of the public and the government of the Philippines pursuant to Article 315 of Act No. 3815 s. 1930, as amended, or the Revised Penal Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,	I have hereunto set my hand this	day of	, 20 at	
Philippines.	<u> </u>			

[Insert NAME OF BIDDER OR ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE] [Insert signatory's legal capacity] Affiant

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Technical Specifications

Item	Specification	Statement of Compliance
NCIII -		[Bidders must state here either "Comply" or "Not Comply" against each of the individual parameters of each Specification stating the corresponding performance parameter of the SUPPLIES offered. Statements of "Comply" or "Not Comply" must be supported by evidence in a Bidders Bid and crossreferenced to that evidence. Evidence shall be in the form of manufacturer's unamended sales literature, unconditional statements of specification and compliance issued by the manufacturer, samples, independent test data etc., as appropriate. A statement that is not supported by evidence or is subsequently found to be contradicted by the evidence presented will render the Bid under evaluation liable for rejection. A statement either in the Bidder's statement of compliance or the supporting evidence that is found to be false either during Bid evaluation, post-qualification or the execution of the Contract may be regarded as fraudulent and render the Bidder or supplier liable for prosecution subject to the applicable laws and issuances.]

Specifications Statement of **Compliance** (Comply or Not Comply) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONDITIONS : (EPA 2024) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PASSENGER VAN (2 UNITS) Project : Five Million Pesos (P 5,000,000.00) ABC Delivery : 60 calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed Similar Contract : Project/s that involves supply and delivery of motor vehicles Item Unit **General Description** Quantity **Unit Cost Total Cost** End-user No. 5,000,000.00 1 unit PASSENGER VAN 2 2,500,000.00 **OPER SPECIFICATIONS** Interior Seat: · Driver: Slide, Recline, and Vertical adjust. Front Passenger: Slide and recline adjust. Headrest: Front (Adjustable), Rear (Adjustable) Rr. No. 1: 3 (Bench Type with Individual Recline) Rr. No. 2: 2 + 1 (Bench Type with Individual Recline Rr. No. 3: 2 + 2 Bench Type 50:50 Space Up Material: Fabric with Vinyl Leather **Functions** Power: Power Window Power Door lock Outside rear-view mirror; Adjust and retract. · Steering Wheel Switch: Audio, Telephone. Cruise control Safety With anti-lock brake system With brake assist With hill start assist With alarm and immobilizer With clearance and back sonar Inclusions Window Tint Floor Mats Seat Cover Early Warning Device Standard Tools Three (3) years LTO Registration One (1) year Comprehensive Insurance TOTAL 5,000,000.00

Statements of "Comply" or "Not Comply" must be supported by evidence in a Bidders Bid and cross-referenced to that evidence.

Evidence shall be in the form of manufacturer's un-amended sales literature, unconditional statements of specification and compliance issued by the manufacturer, samples, independent test data etc., as appropriate. A statement that is not supported by evidence or is subsequently found to be contradicted by the evidence presented will render the Bid under evaluation liable for rejection.