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SUPPLEMENTAL / BID BULLETIN

**Supply, and Delivery of 3 Lots Various Printing Papers
[NPO-BAC-FAL-004-25]**

The National Printing Office (NPO) through its Bids & Awards Committee (BAC) announces amendment/s on the scheduled **March 20, 1:30 p.m. Public Bidding under Framework Agreement.**

This Supplemental bid bulletin is being issued to clarify, modify or amend items in the Bid Documents. This shall form an integral part of the Bid Documents.

ATTENTION: All interested Bidders for the herein project

**Amendments to the Bidding Documents, as discussed and agreed upon by the
NPO-BAC and End-User:**

Queries/Clarifications/Requests	Answer/Comment
➤ Carbonless Rolls Request for consideration to allow a maximum tolerance of one (0-1) splice on each roll, as accordingly, said tolerance is in accordance with local & internationally accepted mill & press industry standards for paper in rolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No revisions made to the conditions as stipulated in Section VII. Technical Specifications of the Bidding Documents for this project
➤ Conduct of Post-Qualification and issuance of Notice to Award (NOA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The post-qualification shall be conducted prior to the issuance of the Notice to Execute Framework Agreement (NEFA) for the herein project. Under the Framework Agreement (FA), the NEFA is the equivalent document of NOA in terms of regular procurement
➤ Clarification on whether the 20% stock is required on hand during the post-qualification inspection or at a later date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The availability of at least twenty percent (20%) of the required paper requirement must be on-hand or on-site during the site inspection of the post qualification team, as indicated in the Bidding Documents for this project.• However, the Notarized Affidavit of Undertaking, certifying the availability of at least 20% of the paper requirement/s for the herein project, must be duly submitted during the opening of bids.
➤ In case of a Joint Venture (JV), can any of the partner submit the required documents?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please refer to Section 23.1 (b) of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules & Regulations (RIRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184 – “Each partner of the joint venture shall submit their respective PhilGEPS Certificates of Registration in accordance with Section 8.5.2 of this IRR. The submission of technical and financial eligibility documents by any of the joint venture partners constitutes compliance: Provided, that the partner responsible to submit the NFCC shall likewise submit the Statement of all its ongoing contracts and Audited Financial Statements”

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Clarification/Requests	Answer/Comment
➤ How many percentage/quantities of the paper will be tested?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the End-user, 40 sheets, sized: 8.5" x 11", which shall be obtained &/or acquired from the delivered item
➤ Will the samples be randomly selected per ream or per crate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the End-user, the samples will be coming from the delivered items
➤ What would be the reference in the declaration of compliance? How many percentage/quantities of the sample paper should pass the testing to be declared as compliant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the End-user, for compliance, it should be within the allowed margin of error as stated in the Bidding Documents for this project, to wit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For sheeted: +/- 3% gsm For rolls: +/- 5% gsm
➤ How much penalty will be imposed in case of non-complying specifications on the actual delivery?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to Section 68 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules & Regulations (RIRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184
➤ What are the test parameters to determine whether the delivered papers are subject to replacement or for penalty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the End-user, it will be subject for replacement, if it is found defective during press-run. Whilst, it'll be subject for penalty, if the delivered items cannot be replaced within the prescribed timeline, as stated in the Bidding Documents for this project, and/or the paper test result from the Department of Science & Technology (DOST) exceeded the margins set for the said requirement
➤ When will be the possible issuance of Call-Off if the NOA/NTP is already issued?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no specific timeline as to the issuance of Call-Off. The BAC may execute as many Call-Offs for the same item as may be needed within the period of the Framework Agreement (FA) as long as the total quantity for all Call-Offs do not exceed the maximum quantity in the Framework Agreement List (FAL) & the aggregate amount of all executed Call-Offs do not exceed the total contract price specified in the FA.
➤ Request to deliver all lots (paper requirements as indicated in the Bidding Documents) in one delivery only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. The FA is in the nature of an option contract between the procuring entity (PE) & the bidder(s), granting the PE the option to place an order for any of the goods identified in the FAL as the need arises within a specified period. As such, the required paper requirements must be available at any given time, upon the issuance of Call-Off.
➤ Request to extend delivery schedule to at least twelve (12) weeks upon the receipt of NOA, since items to be offered will be coming from Indonesia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. The primary purpose of the FA is to streamline the procurement process by pre-determining the terms and conditions, allowing for faster and more efficient procurement of the required goods.

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➤ Request for the postponement and rescheduling of the Opening of Bids from March 20, 2025 to March 28, 2025 in order to have ample time to prepare the sample requirement and eligibility documents of the foreign partner.	• The submission and opening of bids shall proceed as scheduled on March 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
➤ As a JV, our foreign partner is responsible in the manufacturing of the paper to be delivered. Will the BAC conduct a post-qualification test in the facilities/paper mill in Indonesia?	• It is possible that a site inspection be conducted by the post qualification team to verify & ascertain the existence of said facility, as well as to ensure the accuracy & authenticity of all the documents & statements submitted
➤ Inquiry as to the alternative document to be submitted when the ongoing contract of the local partner is not related to production of paper in order to comply to the herein requirement. As stated in the BDS Clause 19.5, the local lead partner is required to submit the NFCC computation which will be based on the ongoing contracts & Audited Financial Statements to be submitted.	• As per the End-user, there should be at least twenty percent (20%) stock-on-hand that will serve for compliance
➤ Will the verification, inspection & testing of the goods, after sales & maintenance capabilities be conducted in the foreign partner's facilities?	• As per the End-user, all paper testing will be conducted by the Forest Products Research & Development Institute (FPRDI), DOST
➤ What specific document needs to be submitted by a local partner if the contract is only awarded, but not yet started?	• Notice of Award (NOA)
➤ If the post-qualification team is to verify all original documents of all JV Partners locally, may we request that we be allowed to submit the certified true copies of the following requirements issued by the foreign partner, in lieu of the original documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Registration 2. Articles of By-laws, if any 3. Articles of Incorporation 4. Business Tax returns 5. Mayor's or Municipal License 6. Audited Financial Statements <p>This is because the authentication/apostilled of the documents in the Philippine Embassy in the country of origin will take at least four (4) weeks.</p>	• For documents from foreign bidders in Philippine government procurement, the GPPB (Government Procurement Policy Board) mandates that documents from countries that are parties to the Apostille Convention be authenticated through an apostille, except for those identified by the DFA (Department of Foreign Affairs) requiring legalization (red ribbon) ❖ Please refer to Section 8.5.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules & Regulations (RIRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184

For the guidance and information of all concerned.

[Original Signed]
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