



INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMPARATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY-SOUTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX-SLEX) CONNECTOR ROAD PROJECT

The Department of Public Works and Highways (“DPWH”) has received and approved an unsolicited proposal from Metro Pacific Tollways Development Corporation and its subsidiaries (the “Original Proponent”) to extend the Manila North Expressway (“NLEX”) utilising the existing right of way of the Philippine National Railways from C3 Road, Caloocan to PUP Sta. Mesa, Manila and connecting to the South Luzon Expressway (“SLEX”) via the South Metro Manila Skyway System Project (“MMSS Project”).

The NLEX-SLEX Connector Road Project (“Connector Project”) is part of the Master Plan for High Standard Highways System of the DPWH. The Connector Project is an elevated 4-lane, 8-kilometer tolled expressway starting at NLEX Segment 10 at Circumferential Road (C-3) Road/5th Avenue, Caloocan City and connecting to the SLEX, through Stage 3 of the MMSS Project in Manila. It consists of at least two interchanges and two tolling plazas.

The Connector Project is expected to:

- Decongest traffic in Metro Manila, as well as address the existing congestion problem in the Port of Manila, ultimately improving its competitiveness
- Provide an alternative route to Circumferential Road 5, Epifanio de los Santos Avenue, and other major thoroughfares; and
- Reduce transit time between the NLEX and SLEX.



The DPWH invites local and international companies to submit comparative proposals under a Swiss Challenge Bidding Process to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain the Connector Project under a 37-year concession agreement.

The international competitive bidding for the Connector Project will be conducted in accordance with the procurement rules and procedures applicable to unsolicited proposals set out in **Republic Act No. 6957, an Act Authorizing the Financing, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Infrastructure Projects by the Private Sector, as amended by Republic Act No. 7718, otherwise known as the Philippine BOT Law and its Revised Implementing Rule and Regulations (2012) ("Revised IRR")**

A Single-Stage Qualification and Bidding for this Connector Project shall be conducted pursuant to and in accordance with Section 5.7 (Simultaneous or Single-Stage Qualification and Bidding), and in relation to Rule 10 (Unsolicited Proposals) of the Revised IRR and other relevant provisions of the Philippines BOT Law. **The Bid Parameter shall be the highest offered Concession Fee as an additional consideration for the right to use the right of way requirements of the Connector Project.**

In the event that a comparative proponent submits a price proposal better than that submitted by the Original Proponent, the Original Proponent shall have the "right-to-match" the best offer or such proposal, in accordance with BOT Law and Revised IRR.

Instructions to Comparative Proponents and other relevant qualification and tender documents will be available from **April 12, 2016** until **May 24, 2016** between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., at the Office of the Secretariat of the Special Bids and Awards Committee ("SBAC") for PPP, 3rd Floor, Public-Private Partnership Service, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, with Telephone Nos (+63 2 304-3148/49)

Without prejudice to the submission of all documentary and other requirements, prospective comparative proponents must accomplish the required forms and pay a non-refundable fee of **Two Hundred Thousand Philippines Pesos (PHP 200,000.00)**, payable in cash or manager's check draw on any Philippines Bank and payable to the order of DPWH. Comparative Proposals should be submitted to the DPWH on or before **2:00pm on July 5, 2016** at the 3rd Floor, Public-Private Partnership Service, DPWH Central Office, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, unless otherwise advised.

The DPWH reserves the right to reject any or all comparative proposals, and other relevant tender or bidding documents, declare a failure of bidding, and not award the contract for any justifiable and reasonable ground where an award will not benefit the DPWH or the Government of the Philippines, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected proponent(s) or bidder(s).


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