

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR PEZA CENTRAL SYSTEM FOR THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority ("PEZA") is inviting Private Sector Participants (PSPs)/ Challengers to apply for eligibility and to submit a Counter-Proposal for the PEZA Central System Project (Project).

On September 15, 2023, PEZA received an unsolicited proposal for said Project under Republic Act (RA) No. 6957 (the BOT Law) as amended by RA No. 7718 and implemented by its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) issued on 22 September 2022. On 5 December 2022, RA No. 11966 (the PPP Code) was signed into law and was published on 8 December 2023 for which the PPP Governing Board issued an Interim Guidelines on PPP Projects and its Annexes (the Interim Guidelines).

After successful detailed negotiations applying the above cited legal provisions, PEZA has declared an Original Proponent for the Project. The proposal is now subject of Competitive Challenge under the legal provisions above cited. The comparative challenge shall be for a period of 90 days.

The scope of the Project includes but not limited to the development of a centralized database for PEZA that will computerize, digitalize and streamline all PEZA operations from enterprise registration, renewal, issuance of electronic Letter of Authority, a centralized permits management system and logistics management system. The contract period shall be for a period of ten (10) years.

Final notice is hereby given to eligible PSPs/ Challengers to submit their comparative proposals. Interested PSPs/ PSPs/ Challengers must submit their notarized Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to submit comparative proposals on or before 5:00 p.m. of the seventh (7th) day from date of this publication. The EOIs must and can only be submitted by the PSP that will apply for eligibility and submit comparative proposals. The EOI must also contain a statement that the PSP has undertaken and completed a similar project and that it has sufficient funds set-aside for the Project, subject to the presentation of a Certificate of Bank Deposit issued by a universal/commercial bank recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which shall be valid until award of the Project to the Winning Private Sector Participant (PSP).

Further, the EOI must contain an undertaking by the PSP/ Challenger that it will adhere to the policies, pronouncements of and qualifications criteria set by PEZA, and that it will not seek and obtain a writ of injunction or prohibition or restraining order against the Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), PEZA and its officials to prevent or restrain the Competitive Challenge process, the award of the Project and carrying out the Project, and that it will not institute any criminal, civil and/or administrative cases against the officials of the PBAC and PEZA. If no notarized EOI from a proper entity is received within the prescribed period, the Project will be awarded to the Original Proponent and Stage Three of the Competitive Challenge process under PPP Code shall be deemed completed and terminated.

The PSP/Challenger shall bear all costs associated with their participation in the Competitive Challenge Process including the preparation and submission of their Eligibility Documents, and all possible losses or damages resulting thereto. PEZA reserves the right to accept or reject any application for Eligibility and to Submit a Proposal or reject all applications at its discretion without incurring any liability to the affected PSP. PEZA also reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal, annul the competitive challenge process, or reject all proposals at any time prior to contract award, without being held liable for any costs relative to such application regardless of the results of the Competitive Challenge Process.

The Instructions to Private Sector Participants (IPSP) Volume I - Eligibility Documents and Volume II: Competitive Challenge Documents will be available at the PEZA - Legal Affairs Group c/o Atty. Armeen Alain B. Gomez, from 6 May 2024 to 25 May 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 50,000.00) in Cash, Cashier's Check or Manager's check issued by a bank in the Philippines to "PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY". Non-payment of Tender Document fee shall be considered noneligible to submit proposal.

The Pre-Qualification Conference will be held on 3 June 2024. Only those who purchased the IPSP may attend and participate.

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