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Procurement Management Service
BAC Secretariat Division

Bids and Awards Committee V

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BID BULLETIN NO. 1

PROJECT : Procurement of Prepaid Mobile Data, Call and Text Package for the Professional Development of Teachers

PROJECT NO. : 2020c-NEAP2(001to003)-BV-CB-021

This Bid Bulletin is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all prospective bidders. It shall form an integral part of the bidding documents issued earlier relative to above project.

1. Section I. Invitation to Bid

Provision	Original Provision	Provision, as amended
Item 5, page 8	<p>For those who are interested to purchase the Bidding Documents, two (2) options are made available, to wit:</p> <p>a. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders during office hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.) starting April 15, 2021 until the deadline of submission of bids on May 05, 2021 from the DepEd Procurement Management Service, Room M-511, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepEd Central Office Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, upon accomplishing a bidder's information sheet and payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents to the DepEd Cashier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic minimum amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (PhP25,000.00) to be paid upon purchase of the bidding documents, regardless of the number of lots and total amount involved in the bidder's prospective bid; and	<p>Interested Bidders may signify their intent to purchase the Bidding Documents starting <i>April 15, 2021</i> until the deadline of submission of bids on <i>May 05, 2021</i> through email at depedcentral.bacsecretariat@deped.gov.ph by accomplishing a bidder's information sheet (Annex A). Upon receipt of the bidder's information sheet, the BAC Secretariat Division will send through email the details of the DECS OSEC Trust Fund Account for payment. Upon payment, bidders may send through email the proof of payment before the deadline for submission of bids. Upon receipt of proof of payment, the BAC Secretariat will send the electronic copy of the Bidding Documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic minimum amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (PhP25,000.00) to be paid upon purchase of the bidding documents, regardless of the number of lots and total amount involved in the bidder's prospective bid; andAdjustment amount representing percentage of the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustment amount representing percentage of the ABC of the lots bid for, to be paid immediately upon submission of the bids <p>Payment in checks should be made payable to DECS OSEC Trust.</p> <p>b. Interested Bidders may signify their intent to purchase the Bidding Documents through email at depedcentral.bacsecretariat@depd.gov.ph by accomplishing a bidder's information sheet (Annex "A"). Upon receipt of the bidder's information sheet, the BAC Secretariat Division will send through email the details of the DECS OSEC Trust Fund Account for payment. Upon payment, bidders shall send either through email or to the BAC Secretariat Office, the proof of payment before the deadline for submission of bids. Upon receipt of proof of payment, the BAC Secretariat will send the electronic copy of the Bidding Documents.</p>	<p>ABC of the lots bid for, to be paid immediately upon submission of the bids.</p> <p>Payment in checks should be made payable to DECS OSEC Trust.</p>
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2. Section III. Bid Data Sheet

Details	Original Provision	Provision, as amended
pages 22-23	<p>BDS, ITB Clause 20.2</p> <p>“Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that it submitted the LCB, the Bidder shall submit the following requirements:</p> <p>a. Latest income and business tax returns: Printed copies of the Electronically filed Income Tax and Business Tax Returns with copies of their respective Payment Confirmation Forms for the immediately preceding</p>	<p><u>BDS, ITB Clause 20.1</u></p> <p>“Within a non-extendible period of five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that it submitted the LCB, the Bidder shall submit the following requirements:</p> <p>a. Latest income and business tax returns: Printed copies of the Electronically filed Income Tax and Business Tax Returns with copies of their respective Payment Confirmation Forms for the immediately preceding calendar/tax year from the</p>

	<p>calendar/tax year from the authorized agent bank;</p> <p>Only tax returns filed and taxes paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (EFPS) shall be accepted.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The latest income and business tax returns are those within the last six months preceding the date of bid submission.</i></p> <p>b. Certificate of PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership); and</p> <p>c. Other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in this BDS.</p> <p>...”</p>	<p>authorized agent bank;</p> <p>Only tax returns filed and taxes paid through the BIR Electronic Filing and Payment System (EFPS) shall be accepted.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The latest income and business tax returns are those within the last six months preceding the date of bid submission.</i></p> <p>b. Certificate of PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership); and</p> <p>c. <u>Certification from NTC or any document of similar import and supported by any NTC Certification or document relative to Item 1 of the detailed technical specifications</u></p> <p><u>Note: NTC Certification must be in National Level (80% for the whole country)</u></p> <p>d. Other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in this BDS.</p> <p>...”</p>
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3. Section V. Special Conditions of Contract

Details	Original Provision	Provision, as amended
<p>SCC, GCC Clause 6, page 31</p>	<p>The Supplier shall provide the following technical requirements for the use of the prepaid package:</p> <p>a. Provide a digitally automated account for DepEd NEAP for the activation of the Prepaid SIM cards under the contract, the activation or loading of top-up unit/s of prepaid credit, and the generation of report on overall usage of the product.</p>	<p>The Supplier shall provide the following technical requirements for the use of the prepaid package:</p> <p>a. Provide a digitally automated account for DepEd NEAP for the activation of the Prepaid SIM cards under the contract, the activation or loading of top-up unit/s of prepaid credit, and the generation of report on overall usage of the product.</p>

	<p>b. Assign a dedicated Relationship Manager or similar focal person to handle all NEAP concerns regarding the product and technical support for its use.</p> <p>c. Assign a dedicated technical help desk or hotline ready and able to answer queries regarding the product and its use by teacher-beneficiaries.</p> <p>d. Provide a mechanism for the teacher-beneficiary to check load balance via text for free.</p> <p>e. Provide an orientation of the technical aspects of the use of the product to the designated focal persons of NEAP.</p> <p>f. Provide for the blacklisting or exclusion of certain sites that should not be available in the context of professional development programs, courses, and activities.</p>	<p>b. Assign a dedicated Relationship Manager or similar focal person to handle all NEAP concerns regarding the product and technical support for its use.</p> <p>c. Assign a dedicated technical help desk or hotline ready and able to answer queries regarding the product and its use by teacher-beneficiaries.</p> <p>d. Provide a mechanism for the teacher-beneficiary to check load balance via text for free.</p> <p>e. Provide an orientation of the technical aspects of the use of the product to the designated focal persons of NEAP.</p> <p>f. Provide for the blacklisting or exclusion of certain sites that should not be available in the context of professional development programs, courses, and activities.</p> <p><u>g. The services mentioned in items "a." to "f." shall continue for the period of validity of the prepaid mobile data, call and text package, regardless of the completion of delivery and payment.</u></p>
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4. **Section VI. Schedule of Requirements**, page 33 is hereby amended to read:

“A. List/Description of Goods /Services

A.1 The delivery schedule expressed as weeks/months stipulates hereafter a delivery date which is the date of delivery to the project site.

Lot No.	Quantity	Quantity	Delivery/Contract Duration
1	Prepaid Mobile Data, Call and Text Package for the Professional Development of Teachers, Luzon	1.a Prepaid Sim Cards <u>with Initial Prepaid Credit</u> – 340,479 units	Delivery is within ninety (90) <u>calendar</u> days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.

		1.b Top-up Prepaid Credit – 1,021,437 units	
2	Prepaid Mobile Data, Call and Text Package for the Professional Development of Teachers, Visayas	2.a Prepaid Sim Cards <i>with Initial Prepaid Credit</i> – 143,156 units	
		2.b Top-up Prepaid Credit – 429,468 units	
3	Prepaid Mobile Data, Call and Text Package for the Professional Development of Teachers, Mindanao (Excluding BARMM)	3.a Prepaid Sim Cards <i>with Initial Prepaid Credit</i> – 142,450 units	
		3.b Top-up Prepaid Credit – 427,350 units	

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5. **Section VII. Technical Specifications**, Detailed Technical Specifications, page 42 is hereby amended, to read:

Item No.	Specification	STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE (State Comply or Not Comply)	BIDDER'S ACTUAL OFFER
1	<i>Prepaid Mobile Data, Call and Text Package:</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35GB worth of data with rollover 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 minutes of call to other network 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited call to same network 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited text to all networks 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validity of one year of load unit without activation, and thirty days upon activation 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationwide Coverage (must demonstrate at least 80% presence in cities and municipalities nationwide) 	<i><u>Bidder must submit for cross-referencing a proof that the bidder has applied for the certification from NTC</u></i>	
2	<i>Sim Card</i>		

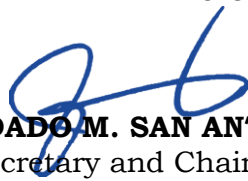
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Units 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must bear DepEd and NEAP logos, in addition to Supplier's Logos 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIM size (e.g. standard, micro and/or nano) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Prepaid Credit with bundled data, call and text 		
3	<i>Top-up Prepaid Credit</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With bundled data, call and text 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loadable on any of the SIM card under item 2 above 		

6. Attached as **Annex "D"** is the list of clarified issues raised by prospective bidders.

All other provisions not herein modified shall remain in full force and effect.

For your information and guidance.

FOR THE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE V:


DIOSDADO M. SAN ANTONIO
 Undersecretary and Chairperson

CLARIFIED ISSUES

Query/ Clarification/ Request	Response
<p>May we ask please to relax the “contracts similar to the Project” to refer to “Supply and Delivery of Network and/or Cellular Wireless Technology Solution”? This is to avoid a failure in bidding should all the prospective bidders won’t be able to meet the required amount of 50% threshold for Single Largest Completed Contract, or higher than the 25% minimum aggregated of the ABC. This is also to support or demonstrate capability to allow a dedicated hotline or helpdesk as earlier manifested by Usec Nepo.</p> <p>If “Network” could possibly be added, may we also request for this to be in the General Requirements / Statement of Compliance?</p>	<p>Contracts similar to the project referring to “Supply and Delivery of Network and/or Cellular Wireless Technology Solution” is intended for the project “Connectivity Load for DepEd Employees”, and not on this project.</p>
<p>May we ask for clarification if we have the option of joining 1 single lot – or a bidder has to join all 3 lots?</p>	<p>The bidder has the option to join in one (1) single lot, two (2) lots, or all three (3) lots.</p>
<p>May we submit a single, unified Line of Credit of 10% ABC as Prime Lead if we are to enter into a Joint Venture?</p>	<p>Yes, unified Line of Credit of 10% of the ABC for each lot to be bid for is allowed.</p>
<p>May we please remove the Word format requirement on the BDS and instead submit PDF soft copy versions? For signature safety.</p>	<p>It is a standard requirement across all Bids and Awards Committees (BACs).</p> <p>The bidder is required to submit both Word and PDF format. If there are inconsistencies between the pdf and word files, the pdf file shall prevail.</p>
<p>As the project title emphasizes on the “Prepaid” engagement, may we please clarify that prepaid loading of credits will only happen after the 85% is paid by DepEd?</p>	<p>The activation should not be dependent on the payment scheme. Sim card with initial prepaid credit and top-up prepaid credits, once accepted, may be readily activated. We note, however, that the goods will not be immediately activated since there will be a period of distribution and a condition for activation (participation to a NEAP-recognized course or program). There are payments for mobilization and commissioning that the winning bidder will receive and the full payment for goods delivered will be processed five (5) days after inspection and acceptance,</p>

	so they can expect payment within a reasonably short period of time.
SCC, page 31 requires help desk support, but Detailed Tech Specs / Statement of Compliance Form on Section 7, page 42 doesn't say so. According to the manifestation of Usec Nepo earlier that there has to be the same dedicated tech helpdesk or hotline support for NEAP, please clarify which compliance item to prevail?	The Conditions where the technical support is found form part of the obligations. So even while not included in the compliance form, it is understood that the winning bidder must fulfill this obligation.
On 35gb data Will DepEd issue a documented clarification on the validity until when? It was verbally expressed by Usec Nepo earlier that this should be good and valid for 30days. If unused, it should not be attached to a single sim and therefore rolled over to the next. As raised by Globe earlier, until when is the contract term? Will these definitive timelines be documented as well?	The prepaid credit, when activated, shall be valid for 30 days, except for the 35gb of data. Unused portion of the 35gb allocation shall be rolled over to the next month and shall have a validity of one year when unused.
Will DepEd NEAP issue Training Schedules in advance for actual dispense of pooled Prepaid credits to each teacher-participant?	This is already an internal matter for DepEd, but DepEd can share with the winning bidder indicative schedules and number of units for distribution.
Please define the following: a. Data Usage of the 35Mb (Video streaming? Caching? PDFs? Browsing?) b. Amount of Load per Trainee per Seminar? c. # of Training Seminars in 12months that will need the Training Load? How many times in 12mos will DepEd need Load? d. # of Trainees per Seminar as simultaneous data/call/text users	a. Data allocation should be available for use in all websites and applications except for blacklisted sites to be identified by NEAP. b. Each teacher shall receive 35Gb of data with rollover, 300 mins. of call to other network, unlimited call to same network and unlimited text to all network both valid for 30 days upon activation. This may be used for several trainings within the same period. c. Regardless of the number of seminars, DepEd shall only claim the number of prepaid units as specified in the technical specifications that may be claimed or activated within the one-year period. d. The NEAP can share with the winning bidder the indicative

	number of participants per seminar.
May we request for the complete version of the GCC and SCC?	The Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) for this project is already simplified by the GPPB (6 th edition)
<p>a.) Provide a digitally automated account for DepEd NEAP for the activation of the Prepaid SIM cards under the contract, the activation or loading of top-up unit/s of prepaid credit, and the generation of report on overall usage of the product.</p> <p>- Please clarify what a digitally automated account means?</p> <p>- Please clarify the generation of reports on overall usage of the product?</p>	<p>a.1. an account for NEAP in a user-friendly web-based portal provided by the Telco's to activate or load the top-up prepaid credit unit</p> <p>a.2. a mechanism setup by the Telco's to monitor the use of the prepaid credits and send the gathered data, i.e., overall usage of data, sites commonly accessed, etc., to NEAP/DepEd.</p>
<p>Provide an orientation of the technical aspects of the use of the product to the designated focal persons of NEAP.</p> <p>- Please clarify the location of the designated focal persons?</p>	This can be done virtually, and assisted by the use of information materials of their formats of choice. NEAP will assist and be available for coordination.
May we recommend to delete the Intellectual Property Rights?	Provision is retained.
May we request to attach as Annex A the Prepaid Service Proposal. Also, state in the SCC that in case of conflict between the terms and conditions of the Contract Agreement/GCC/SCC and the terms and conditions of the InnoVe Prepaid Service Proposal, the terms and conditions of the Prepaid Service Proposal shall prevail.	In case of any conflict, GCC and SCC specified in the Bidding Documents shall prevail.
<p>1.a Prepaid Sim Cards – 340,479 units</p> <p>- What is the contract term?</p>	Prepaid sim cards shall be delivered within 90 calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed. It can be activated within a one-year validity. Upon activation, the prepaid credit shall be valid for 30 days when activated, except for the 35Gb of data which is rolled over if not fully consumed.
<p>1.b Top-up Prepaid Credit – 1,021,437 units</p> <p>- What is this for? How is this</p>	Should the initial prepaid credit units loaded in the sim card be consumed, the top-up prepaid credit indicates the units of data, call, and text bundle, similar to 1.a. without the sim card,

connected to 1.a?	given to DepEd for distribution to teachers.
<p>Delivery is within ninety (90) working days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.</p> <p>- What is the contract term after the delivery period of ninety (90) days upon receipt of NTP?</p>	<p>Upon full delivery, the DepEd is obligated to pay. The consumption of the goods as prepaid package shall be within the period of validity of the packages as indicated in the technical specifications and as clarified, with the residual obligation by the supplier to still render the support services within the said validity period, as indicated in Clause 6 of the Special Conditions of the Contract.</p>
<p>Prepaid Mobile Data, Call and Text Package:</p> <p>- How much load up per month per teacher?</p> <p>- What do you mean by the top up prepaid credit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each prepaid package should contain (as indicated in the technical specifications): 35Gb of data (with rollover of unused data), 300 mins. of call to other network, unlimited call to same network and unlimited text to all network, both valid for 30 days. - Should the initial prepaid credit units loaded in the sim card be consumed, the top-up prepaid credit indicates the units of data, call, and text bundle, similar to the initial prepaid credit, but without the sim card, given to DepEd for distribution to teachers.