

## CLARIFIED ISSUES

Query/ Clarification/ Request	Response
<p>Would like to request you to extend the timeline for this project to 1 year, due to the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unintentional delay due to space concern in the production area, since we are in the stage of pandemic.</li> <li>2. Atlantic Plastic &amp; Metal Craft Inc. has completed in-house all the project contracts awarded by DepEd. We ensure qty. of the items; thus, limited time constraint will affect the qty. of the items we produce.</li> <li>3. Lead time in procuring some of our raw materials from abroad would take around 3 months, as confirmed by our suppliers</li> <li>4. Shipping time is around 1 month, at the minimum but may change considering the pandemic situation that changes from time to time.</li> </ol>	<p>We cannot adjust the contract period due to the requirement of the cash-based budgeting system that we have to disburse or pay our creditors on or before December 31, 2021, otherwise, the funds will lapse on this date. All contracts must be completed by November 30, 2021 to allow the processing of payments.</p>
<p>Would like to request for the extension of the Bid Opening to at least thirty (30) days from the original date of Bid Opening; Currently the Philippine Embassy in India is closed from April 28 - May 30, 2021 due to surge in number of covid cases. Our Joint Venture Partner, Shiv Dial Sud &amp; Son will not able to provide the apostilled documents required in the Bidding Documents in time for the scheduled bid opening on June 08, 2021.</p>	<p>Schedule for the bid opening is retained.</p>
<p>Will the Lowest Calculated Bidder be given (a) chance/s should their sample fail the first time, just like the previous SME projects? Will the sample for market items be submitted in the DepEd Central Office?</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>Lot 9, Item 4 Model, Earth Internal Structure, 1/4 part detachable - We would like to inquire if there is a typographical error for specification #2 on page 112. Should that be "shows the countries and ocean" or "continents and ocean", like the previous bid's specs?</p>	<p>Not a typographical error using the same technical specs during the 2019 procurement. The specification remains the same as "countries and ocean".</p>
<p>May we please request for a Price Schedule form in excel format listing the items and quantities per Lot?</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>Can we submit only One (1) set of eligibility and technical documents for all the lots that we intend to join e.g. Philgeps Certificate, Statement of Ongoing projects, Statement of</p>	<p>Please refer to ITB Clause 15 A bidder may bid on one (1) or more lots. Submit</p>

SLCC, NFCC computation and AFS?	only one (1) set of bid doc (1 original and 2 copies).
Can we submit One (1) Financial Bid Form for all the Lots that we intended to participate indicating therein the particular Lot and the bid offer for each Lot?	The second bid envelope shall contain the financial documents for the Bid, and <b><u>the Bid Form and Price Schedule shall be per lot.</u></b> (emphasis supplied)
Items indicated per Lot in the Bidding Document (Section VII. Technical Specifications) is different from Annex N. How are they going to be packaged? Should we follow the one in the Bidding Document or Annex N? Also, the total quantity in Bid Docs (Section VII. Technical Specifications) is different from Annex N.	Items indicated in Annex N will serve as a guide on how the items will be packaged since the project is from Grades 1 to 12 with different Recipient Schools. Please follow the Annex N quantity per package for packaging purposes and the List of Recipient Schools (Annex L) on the number of packages that the schools will receive.
In Lot 5, while the item termed as "Thermometer, Clinical, digital" the design specification requires that it be "Mercury in Glass"	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
Regarding the purchase of bidding document, what does below paragraph mean:  "Adjustment amount representing percentage of the ABC of the lots bid for, to be paid immediately upon submission of the bids" What is the percentage referred to in foregoing paragraphs? Can we pay full upon purchase of the bidding documents?	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
For the specification, "With Statement of Accuracy (Certificate of Traceability) indicating accuracy traceable to NIST standards", what particular document do you require?	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
How much is the required SLCC? If we join Lot 9, can we use the SLCC in Lot 9 for all other lots?	Please refer to Invitation to Bid, Item No. 2 and ITB Clause 5.3  Prospective bidders should have completed, within a period of ten (10) years immediately preceding the deadline for submission of bids at least two (2) similar contracts and the total of the aggregated contract amount should be equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC; and the largest of these similar contracts must be equivalent to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the ABC.  The bidder may apply the similar contract to any or to all lots participated in by the bidder, subject only to the threshold required under Sec. 23.4.1.3 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA 9184 and Clause 5.3 of the Invitation to Bidders.
"In any case, the NFCC computation or committed line of credit, as well as the SLCC, must be sufficient for all the lots or contracts bid for" If, for example, we bid for combined Lots amounting to 800M, is the required SLCC 50% of the 800M?	The bidder may submit the same SLCC on a per lot basis; combining the lots is not required.
Lot 5 - Scale, Spring, hanging type. What is	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1

the capacity? 2,500 grams or 25kilograms?	
Lot 9 - Model Solar System. How many planet? 8 or 9?	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
Lot 13 - Lamp, Halogen, low voltage. What is the wattage?	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
Lot 13 - Set of tools. De we need to deliver these as set on a single carrier package	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
<p>May we request that the Delivery Period be adjusted from 144 calendar days to at least Two Hundred (200) Calendar Days</p> <p>The still ongoing pandemic has and still affecting the flow of goods (local and imported). Delay in the sourcing of raw materials and shipments (local and foreign) is but sadly the new normal nowadays. Hence, a considerable elbowroom on the delivery deadline should be provided.</p>	We cannot adjust the contract period due to the requirement of the cash-based budgeting system that we have to disburse or pay our creditors on or before December 31, 2021, otherwise, the funds will lapse on this date. All contracts must be completed by November 30, 2021 to allow the processing of payments.
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications:</p> <p>Common Requirements on the Specifications, viz;</p> <p><i>10. With Statement of Accuracy (Certificate of Traceability) indicating accuracy traceable to NIST standards</i></p> <p>"..... While we do understand that quality standards should be included in the Technical Specification to ensure that DepEd will receive goods of high quality, may we request that the subject requirement be relaxed and opened to allow goods of equivalent quality coming from the other countries aside from the US.</p> <p>Hence, may we recommend that the requirement be rephrased as follows:</p> <p><i>"10. With Statement of Accuracy (Certificate of Traceability) indicating accuracy traceable to NIST standards OR Certification from the Manufacturer that the item passed and/or in Compliance with standards from its country of origin.</i></p>	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications:</p> <p><i>Comes with a brand with more than forty years in existence</i></p> <p>At the outset, the 100 years and forty years existence of the brand is prohibitory. The years brand existence does not and cannot actually translate to the quality of the item to be delivered to DepEd. It is the compliance to the prescribed specifications which should be the parameter to determine acceptability of the items/s.</p>	Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1

<p>Indeed, years of existence as a requirement has been frowned upon and discouraged by the GPPB as additional requirement. Cited NPM No. 058-2016</p> <p>May we request that the 100 years and forty years existence of the brand be deleted. The item/s offered should be measured and gauged on the prescribed physical, technical and actual specifications.</p>	
<p>Annex G, Price Schedule form</p> <p>The said "Estimated price per unit" is not included. Please provide.</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>We would like to request to conduct re-evaluation or market study regarding the Approved Budget for Contract for Lot 3 - Storage Cabinet.</p> <p>First, there had been increases in the cost metal worldwide due to this Pandemic and scarcity and increases cost in raw material add in to it. Secondly, shipping cost had doubled during this time compare to the cost before the pandemic. Based in our computation / estimate you need to deduct at least 50% of the total quantity in your Schedule of Requirements even though you already implemented your Third-Party Logistics for the delivery.</p>	<p>The 2019 price for Storage Cabinet has a 3% inflation rate to come up with the 2021 ABC.</p>
<p>We request that the submission and opening of bids be moved to June 30, 2021 to give us ample time to gather and ship the sample and secure necessary eligibility documents.</p>	<p>Schedule for the bid opening is retained.</p>
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications for Lot No. 5, for the following Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Balance, Toploading, Electronic</li> <li>2. Balance, Triple Beam, with tare, 2610-gram</li> <li>3. Calorimeter</li> </ol> <p><i>Comes with a brand with more than 100 years existence in the weighing Industry</i></p> <p>Requiring a brand with more than One Hundred (100) Years Existence is more than necessary, overindulgent, and unreasonably excessive. Such is tantamount to Tailor-fitting the requirements to a particular or very limited numbers of brands, which only serves to limit the participation by other potential bidders, contrary to the basic principles behind the concept of competitive bidding.</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications for Lot No. 5, for the following Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flask, Volumetric, borosilicate 250 mL</li> <li>2. LOT 5 Graduated Cylinder, borosilicate, 10 mL</li> <li>3. LOT 5 Graduated Cylinder, borosilicate,</li> </ol>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>

<p>100 mL 4. LOT 5 Graduated pipette with rubber pipettor, borosilicate, 10 mL</p> <p>For Lot No. 7: 1. LOT 7 Beaker, borosilicate, 250 mL 2. LOT 7 Beaker, borosilicate, 500 mL 3. LOT 7 Burette, 10 mL capacity (acid) 4. LOT 7 Burette, 10 mL capacity (base) 5. LOT 7 Distillation set-up: Condenser, Liebig-type 6. LOT 7 Distillation set-up: Condenser, Liebig-type 7. LOT 7 Distillation set-up: Distilling Flask, borosilicate, 250mL 8. LOT 7 Reagent Bottle, widemouth, transparent, borosilicate, 250 mL</p> <p><i>Comes with a brand with more than 100 years existence in the glassware Industry.</i></p> <p>Requiring a brand with more than One Hundred (100) Years Existence is more than necessary, overindulgent, and unreasonably excessive. Such is tantamount to Tailor-fitting the requirements to a particular or very limited numbers of brands, which only serves to limit the participation by other potential bidders, contrary to the basic principles behind the concept of competitive bidding.</p>	
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications: Lot 10, Model, Human Skeleton</p> <p><i>2. Mounted on stable metal stand, stainless steel rod, Ø range 10mm to 12 mm, with 4 or 5 legged unbreakable plastic with roller casters as support to the skeleton.</i></p> <p>The Diameter range of 10mm to 12mm for the stainless-steel rod is not common in the market. May we request diameter to be minimum of 10mm.</p>	<p>The requested diameter of 10mm is within the range mentioned in the technical specification which is 10mm to 12mm.</p>
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications: Lot 5, Scale, Spring, Hanging type</p> <p><i>Design Specifications: 1. Maximum Capacity: 2,500 grams or 25 kilogram</i></p> <p>Error in specification: 2,500 grams is only 2.5kilograms and not 25 kilograms</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications: Lot 8, Tangram, set of 30</p> <p><i>5) The size of the largest square that the 7 tangram pieces can form is 114 x 114 mm (minimum) with thickness of 7mm.</i></p> <p>We would like to clarify if the thickness of 7mm is minimum or maximum thickness. May we request the thickness to be minimum of 7mm?</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications: Lot 12 1. Model, Atomic Orbital, 82-pc</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>

<p>2. Model, Biochemistry Molecular, (262 atom parts)  3. Model, Molecular, Inorganic/Organic (307-pc)  4. Model, Sublevel Orbitals of the Atom (Quantum)  5. Model, VSEPR, 14 shapes (50-pc)</p> <p><i>Comes with a brand with more than forty years in existence</i></p> <p>Requiring a brand with more than Forty (40) Years Existence is more than necessary, overindulgent, and unreasonably excessive, Tailor-fitting. which only serves to limit the participation by other potential bidders, contrary to the basic principles behind the concept of competitive bidding.</p>	
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications:  Lot 15  1. Graphing Calculator, nonprojectable  2. Scientific Calculator</p> <p><i>12. Brand must be established in providing quality products for 50 years and up.</i></p> <p>Requiring a brand with more than Fifty (50) Years Existence is more than necessary, overindulgent, and unreasonably excessive. Calculators, such as those being procured are NOT NEW TECHNOLOGY, but are common for past 100 years.</p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>
<p>Detailed Technical Specifications,  Lot No. 5 (Balance, Toploading, Electronic)</p> <p>Clarification for the specification indicated under No. 21 which states that: <i>“Comes with a brand with more than 100 years in the weighing industry.”</i></p>	<p>Refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1</p>