



Bid Bulletin No. 2
24 August 2023

PUBLIC BIDDING NO. 23-071-2

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PAPER, MULTIPURPOSE, A4
FOR THE PROCUREMENT SERVICE (PS)

Issued pursuant to Sec. 22.5 of the IRR of R.A. 9184 to clarify and/or amend certain provisions in the Bidding Documents issued for this project, considering the issues and requests raised during the **Pre-Bid Conference** held on **27 July 2023**, likewise response to prospective bidders' written queries received within the prescriptive period for filing.

I. AMENDMENTS/INCLUSIONS

NO.	REFERENCE	BASES FOR AMENDMENT
1.	<p>Section III. Bid Data Sheet Clause 20.2 Page 21</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>4. Valid Test Result conducted not earlier than six (6) months prior to the deadline of submission of bids, issued by the government laboratory testing center or government accredited private laboratory testing center or third party laboratory testing center. In case there is no available government laboratory testing center or the required testing method is not available, the test may be conducted by a government accredited private testing center; or if still not available, by a third party laboratory testing center.</p> <p><u>In cases where the required parameters were not all tested due to no fault of the bidder, the certificate may be accepted provided that proof of non-availability from the testing center is submitted.</u></p> <p>xxx</p>	<p>To supplement the provision for better understanding of the requirement.</p>
2.	<p>Section III. Bid Data Sheet Clause 20.2 Page 21</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>5. For bidder declared as LCB/SCB: Product sample as evidence of verification as stated in Section VII. Technical Specifications.</p> <p>xxx</p>	<p>To clarify that the requirement shall be submitted on or before the deadline indicated in the Notice of Sample Submission.</p>



<p>3.</p>	<p>Section VI. Schedule of Requirements Page 32-33</p> <p>xxx</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="304 360 469 443">1st YEAR</th> <th data-bbox="469 360 630 443">2nd YEAR</th> <th data-bbox="630 360 922 443">DELIVERY SITE</th> <th data-bbox="922 360 1112 443">DELIVERY PERIOD</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 443 469 837"> 280,000 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i> </td> <td data-bbox="469 443 630 837"> 280,000 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i> </td> <td data-bbox="630 443 922 837"> Biliran Depot Calbayog Depot Catarman Depot Maasin Depot Tacloban Depot Borongan Depot <i>See SCC Clause 1 for the Addresses</i> </td> <td data-bbox="922 443 1112 837"> Within ten twenty (10) 20 Calendar Days (CD) upon receipt of Call-Off </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>xxx</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>Note: Suppliers are advised to maintain revolving stocks at least 10% of undelivered quantity up to the last tranche prior to exhaustion.</p> <p>xxx</p>	1 st YEAR	2 nd YEAR	DELIVERY SITE	DELIVERY PERIOD	280,000 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i>	280,000 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i>	Biliran Depot Calbayog Depot Catarman Depot Maasin Depot Tacloban Depot Borongan Depot <i>See SCC Clause 1 for the Addresses</i>	Within ten twenty (10) 20 Calendar Days (CD) upon receipt of Call-Off	<p>Please refer and use the amended form herein attached as "Annex A".</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 35</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>Note 2: Product sample shall be submitted by the SCB/LCB during Post-qualification <u>indicated in the Notice of Sample Submission.</u></p> <p>xxx</p>	<p>Please refer and use the amended form herein attached as "Annex B".</p>								
<p>5.</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 36-37</p> <p>xxx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Documentary Evidence to be submitted during Post-qualification:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical dossier from the manufacturer with evidence that the Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) is met. ○ Valid test report from a Government Accredited Testing Center; <u>government laboratory testing center or government accredited private laboratory testing center or third party laboratory testing center. In case there is no available government laboratory center or the required testing method is not available, the test may be conducted by a government accredited private testing center; or if still not</u> 									

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xxx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Accredited Testing Center or Reputable Testing Institute, such as but not limited to SGS, Intertek, Chempro, Analytical Services Laboratories, Inc. <u>A Confirmatory Test during delivery from a government laboratory testing center or government accredited private laboratory testing center or third party laboratory testing center. n case there is no available government laboratory center or the required testing method is not available, the test may be conducted by a government accredited private testing center; or if till not available, by a third party laboratory testing center.</u> 	<p>Please refer and use the updated Technical Specifications herein attached as "Annex C".</p>
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	<p>MARKING/LABELING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shall conform with the Consumer Act of the Philippines (R.A. 7394) <u>minimum Marking and Labeling Requirements under Article 77 of Republic Act 7394 (Consumer Act of the Philippines) whichever is/are applicable among those requirements to this item.</u> 	
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II. CLARIFICATION/S

The Procurement Service-Department of Budget and Management (PS-DBM), Bids and Awards Committee hereby clarifies prospective bidders' concerns and queries:

No.	CONCERN / REQUEST	CLARIFICATION / RESOLUTION
Metro Paper Converter Phils. Corp.¹		
1.	<p>On the computation of SLCC, we suggest that you consider this requirement to be submitted together with the proposal on the submission for mini-competition on the basis of actual requirement to be bid. Your good office proposed that the basis of SLCC computation is the 1st year requirement. This amount is based only on estimate but not a confirmed order from your customer. This might limit the supplier who can join the public bidding due to very large amount.</p>	<p>The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.</p>

¹ Letter received on 14 August 2023 via email



2.	Consider a margin of error of 20% - 30% as the basis of SLCC. The current basis is an over estimate of the past actual delivery, which according to Triplex, only 70% of the total contract was served.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
3.	In the past ten years only few supplier dominate this bidding requirement maybe due to SLCC requirement. Pease take note that we believe only PS has this large amount of requirement because you cover all government agency nationwide. This might be the hindrance why other qualified supplier cannot join.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
NAPPCO²		
4.	Grammage of 70gsm, minimum for basis weight, requesting for a tolerance of at least 3%.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
5.	Testing Certificates of products for submission for Post-Qualification, requesting for all LCB bidders, if permitted to submit testing results on available parameters and certificate of non-availability of testing for brightness and opacity from FPRDI. We also would submit undertakings to guarantee that our products will pass the brightness and opacity test during the acceptance test with SGS, Hongkong.	Please refer to Item No. 1 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.
6.	Test for 100% recycled fiber (inner all and flute) of our boxes, requesting that we be allowed to submit only one test results from FPRDI of our box even if we bid for more than one item as we sourced our boxes for all this items from the same supplier to comply with your specifications.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained. Please refer to SCC Clause 4 for additional information regarding Inspection and Tests.
7.	With the delivery site of Bontoc, which in our previous Framework Agreement was delivered in Baguio Depot and not directly to Bontoc. Also with Camiguin Depot to be delivered to Mindanao Hub as previously implemented.	<p>The BAC hereby clarifies that deliveries for Bontoc shall now be delivered directly to Bontoc. The previous case was due to inaccessibility of roads to Bontoc caused by landslide.</p> <p>In addition, all deliveries for Camiguin shall be delivered to Cagayan de Oro due to the closure of Mindanao Hub.</p> <p>These shall apply to all issued Call-Offs</p>

² Letter received on 15 August 2023 via email

		unless otherwise changed during Contract Implementation.
8.	Extension of delivery period for Eastern Visayas like Biliran, Calbayog, Catarman, Maasin, Tacloban and Borongan to be extended from 10 days to 20 days upon receipt of Call-Off as these areas involve both sea and land travel.	Please refer to Item No. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.
9.	Test Certificates validity of six months be extended or allowed until the quantity inspected by your Inspection Division is exhausted.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
10.	Stocking of 10% of the quantity up to the last tranche, posed a certain problem with the uncertainty of winning or losing in the mini competition.	Please refer to Item No. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.
Virtual North Technologies Corp.³		
11.	Clarification on the Call-Off, how many depots in one (1) Call-Off?	The BAC may execute Call-Offs requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations, depending upon the demand, during contract implementation.
12.	Foreign contract acceptable for Single Largest Completed Contract?	Please refer to ITB 3 (a) of the bidding document for the information on who are allowed to participate in this particular project, and Item 7 of Appendix 9 of 2016 IRR of RA9184 (Guidelines in the Determination of Eligibility of Foreign Suppliers, Contractors, and Consultants to Participate in Government Procurement Projects).
13.	May we request for an extension of the deadline for bid submissions by at most thirty (30) calendar days to allow us to prepare the process of having a PhilGEPS Platinum Certificate of a Foreign Company which includes the application of Apostille Documents.	Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 1 issued on 18 August 2023.

³ Letter received on 15 August 2023 via email

Kolonwell Trading⁴

14.	The unit price for Public Bidding Nos. 23-069-2, 23-70-2, 23-071-2, and 23-072-2 is too small considering that there are thirty (30) different delivery locations. Thus, reducing the total number of reams to be delivered will increase the unit price per ream and augment the delivery cost.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
15.	Limiting the delivery location per region or one-time delivery at the PS warehouse per delivery period will enable the bidder to bid the best price that will be most advantageous to the government. Hence, we recommend that there be only one delivery location per region or one time delivery to PS warehouse at Cristobal Paco Manila for every delivery period.	The BAC may execute Call-Offs requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations, depending upon the demand, during contract implementation.
16.	Are foreign bidders allowed to participate in the project under MYFA?	Per ITB Item No. 3a of the bidding document, this particular bidding is restricted to: a) Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to: b) citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA No. 5183. <i>For Item b, when the foreign supplier, manufacturer and/or distributor is a citizen, corporation or association of a country the laws or regulations of which grant reciprocal rights or privileges to citizens, corporations or associations of the Philippines, irrespective of the availability of goods from local suppliers, subject to Item 7 of Appendix 9 of 2016 IRR of RA9184 (Guidelines in the Determination of Eligibility of Foreign Suppliers, Contractors, and Consultants to Participate in Government Procurement Projects).</i>
17.	Will a foreign contract be considered to satisfy the requirement of the SLCC? If it is allowed, what will be the requirement of the BAC for foreign contracts?	

⁴ Letter received on 15 August 2023 thru GSD



<p>18.</p>	<p>Considering that MYFA is an option contract between the parties, may a bidder opt not to participate in the mini-competition for any valid and justifiable reasons?</p>	<p>Eligible bidders may opt not to participate in the Mini-Competition for valid and justifiable reasons. Nevertheless, if the supplier refused to participate, this will be taken into consideration and PS-DBM shall take appropriate action.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>Please confirm if a bidder is allowed to offer different prices for the first and second year.</p>	<p>No, the bidder is not allowed to offer different prices for the first and second year. During the initial submission, bidders shall offer a single unit price for both years using the prescribed Bid Form attached as Annex A of the bidding document.</p>
<p>20.</p>	<p>Please confirm that a mini-competition is no longer open to the general public.</p>	<p>Only the eligible bidders are allowed to participate in the Mini Competition by submitting their best financial offer. However, for purposes of transparency, procurement activities, such as opening of financial offers during the Mini Competition shall be open for the public.</p>
<p>21.</p>	<p>While the MYFA is an option contract, what is the likelihood that all the quantities will be 100% exhausted for the duration of the MYFA (this is asked because the previous MYFAS of DBM-PS have not been substantially consumed, thus engendering doubt on the effectiveness of the MYFA scheme leading to very high investment risk being assumed by bidders)?</p>	<p>As FA is an option contract, the BAC, at this moment, cannot confirm whether the quantity being procured will be fully exhausted within the duration of the FA as it will depend upon the actual need during contract implementation.</p>
<p>22.</p>	<p>Did the PS consider the inflation rate, price hikes of consumer goods and petroleum products and dollar rate in setting the ABC? Can we adjust the ABC due to the uncertainties in the economy and market?</p>	<p>All procurement are meticulously and judiciously planned by the Procuring Entity.</p> <p>The ABC, as well as bid prices, shall be considered fixed prices and therefore not subject to price adjustment and escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances and upon prior approvals. Please refer to RULE XIX – CONTRACT PRICES AND WARRANTIES and Appendix 15 REVISED GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACT PRICE ESCALATION of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9184.</p>



23.	Considering that the definition of the SLCC is Paper Product under Annex "K" items, would Jumbo Paper Roll Contract be compliant with the requirement considering that it is one of the sources of Paper Products?	Please note that BDS 5.3 provides that similar contracts can be classified as but not limited to those listed in Annex K as "Paper Products". Jumbo Paper Roll, by the name itself, is a paper product, hence, shall be accepted as similar contract subject to further verification and validation of other SLCC requirement during post-qualification.
24.	Does the 2023 PS Revolving Fund consider the MYFA for the next two (2) years of the contract?	Yes.
25.	Can the bid price still be adjusted considering that the total quantity fixed by the ABC may not necessarily be consumed?	No. Prices indicated in the Framework Agreement shall be fixed price per item. For a Multi-Year Framework Agreement, it shall be based on the price offered in the Mini-Competition. Prices offered during Mini-Competition shall be within the bid offers submitted during the initial submission.
26.	How will the BAC compute the SLCC if it is in foreign currency?	For SLCC with foreign denomination, the BAC shall refer to the current and applicable exchange rates of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) at the time of the initial bid opening for purposes of converting to Philippine Peso (Php).
27.	In cases of a tie and in relation to the magnitude of the project where there are 28 sites, can the bidder share the deliverables for faster and more efficient contract?	No. It is not allowed to divide the deliverables in cases where an occurrence of a tie among bidders takes place, i.e., two or more of the bidders are determined and declared as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB). In case of tie, "toss-coin", for two bidders, or "draw lots", for more than two bidders, may be utilized to break the tie.
28.	Are the personnel contact details updated? And are they aware of the process in delivering the items?	All posted information are latest and updated. Should there be changes in the contact details during delivery, it shall be relayed to the winning bidder prior to delivery during contract implementation.
29.	What is the process of inspection and acceptance of the goods when they will be delivered nationwide?	The same inspection and acceptance procedures apply to all delivery sites. Please refer to SCC Clause 4 of the bidding document.



30.	In every Call-Off of the item, does it need to be inspected? Or will prior inspection suffice for the subsequent batches of deliveries?	Please refer to SCC Clause 4 of the bidding document.
31.	Considering that PS carried the item for many decades, was there a scientific computation in coming up with the projected quantity?	All procurement are meticulously and judiciously planned by the Procuring Entity including the determination of ABC and projected demand quantity.
32.	Can we request for a quarterly estimate of the order, for better projection in supplying the item?	The BAC cannot provide a quarterly estimate of the order as the quantity to be ordered and delivered depends upon the actual demand during the contract implementation.
33.	Do you allow Repeat Order for the project? If yes, what will be the basis of the percentage quantity since different suppliers may win every call-off?	Yes. Repeat order is allowed for contracts under Framework Agreement subject to conditions. The maximum quantity for repeat order is twenty five percent (25%) of the aggregated quantity of actual items ordered and delivered.
34.	During contract implementation, can we request for price adjustments due to the uncertainties of the stock market, foreign exchange rates, petroleum products, manpower and other factors that may affect prices for the next two years?	The ABC, as well as bid prices, shall be considered fixed prices and therefore not subject to price adjustment and escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances and upon prior approvals. Please refer to RULE XIX – CONTRACT PRICES AND WARRANTIES and Appendix 15 REVISED GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACT PRICE ESCALATION of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9184.
35.	Can we offer different brands with the same quality of paper if ever the call-off order exceeds the production rate capacity?	The brand offered during the initial submission shall be the same brand of the items to be delivered. However, the winning bidders are not precluded to request the same during contract implementation subject for approval of the Procuring Entity.
36.	In every call-off, will the items need to be delivered simultaneously across all enumerated sites or can it be done in tranches?	This will depend upon the demand of the requesting depot/sites. Call-Offs indicating delivery sites and tranches, if applicable, shall be prepared based on the request.

37.	May we request for the adjustment of the delivery period from 10CD to at least 30 CD to account for possible port congestion and other calamities and factors that may affect the delivery and beyond our control?	Please refer to Item no. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.
38.	If it is IPO registered in another country, would it be acceptable even if not registered in the Philippines?	Yes, provided it is verifiable, and is in adherence to existing and applicable rules and regulations, including but not limited to Republic Act No. 8293.
39	Can we offer brands that are not sold here in the Philippines but are sold in other countries instead? Will it be allowable for bidders to carry the same brand or must they be differentiated also in terms of the brand that they offer?	Bidders are not prohibited in offering brands not locally available, however, the same shall comply with existing and applicable rules and regulations, including but not limited to IPO registration (Republic Act No. 8293). In addition, bidders may offer the same brand as long as all complies with the requirements in the bid document.
40.	Will you accept a test report/result that is obtained from another country or must the testing be exclusively done in the Philippines?	Please refer to BDS Clause 20.2 of the bidding document.
41.	Does the revolving stock of 10% apply only to a Philippine warehouse setting or would it include abroad as well?	Please refer to Item no. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.
42.	Would the item be tested and inspected per call-off or per delivery? How long would the testing be valid during contract implementation? Is there a Pre-Delivery Inspection for the item?	Please refer to SCC Clause 4 of the bidding document.
43.	How do you define a sole distributor?	There is no mention of this in the bidding document. However, for purposes of clarification, it is commonly referred to as an entity duly authorized by a manufacturer to exclusively distribute the latter's products within a specific area under a legal arrangement.
44.	We propose that a delivery timetable be made depending on the volume/quantity of the delivery. Just to illustrate, 10 rims should be delivered in 20 days, 20 rims should be delivered within 30 days, and so on.	Please refer to Item no. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.

Advance Paper Corp.⁵

45.	To request an extension of the current deadline (5 days) submission of documents for post-qualification upon receipt of NOA to be extended to 15 days considering the testing constraints that we have encountered challenges related to the testing of specific parameters namely: opacity, brightness and stiffness.	The prescribed period for the submission of post-qualifications documents, under the Rules, is strictly within five (5) calendar days from notice of the BAC.
46.	May we request that you consider rerouting the deliveries for the Bontoc to the Baguio depots instead?	Please refer to Item No. 7 of the Clarification part of this Bid Bulletin.
47.	May we propose that the items meant for Camiguin depot be directed to the Davao depot. This strategic alignment would not only lead to shorter travel distances but also provide an opportunity for better management of delivery times and resources.	Please refer to Item No. 7 of the Clarification part of this bid bulletin.
48.	Request for Extension of Testing Result Validity in Alignment with Frame Work Agreement. The current validity period of the testing result is limited to 6 months while our Frame Work Agreement outlines a one-year contract duration. May we request that you consider extending the validity of the testing results to cover the entire duration of the FA or to cover the total quantity of items inspected whether is has delivered or not.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
49.	May we request that the warranty retention requirements be adjusted to allow us for a one-time submission that covers all Call-Offs under the umbrella of the FA.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained, unless otherwise changed during contract implementation.
50.	May we also request for early issuance of Call-Off Order to take place on Monday since we have a delivery period.	The request is noted.
51.	Request for extension of another 10 Calendar Days for delivery duration, totalling of 20 Calendar Days for the following Depots: Biliran Depot, Calbayog Depot, Catarman Depot, Maasin Depot, Tacloban Depot and Borongan Depot. These Depots are part of Eastern	Please refer to Item no. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.

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	Visayas which have a very short delivery period.	
52.	We kindly request that announcement posted on Official Government Website be taken into consideration especially by the announcement of Coast Guard indicating "NO SEA TRAVEL" and also the cancellation or postponement of sea travel from relevant shipping port issue like "LCT" (Loading of Containers to the scheduled shipping).	The request is noted.
53.	We would like to address the challenge posed by the nature of this multi-year transaction involving a mini competition. It's important to note that suppliers may not be able to confidently stock specific quantities, as the uncertainty of winning the award under the mini competition factor into their decisions.	Please refer to Item no. 3 of amendment/inclusion part of this Bid Bulletin.
54.	We kindly propose that deliveries be organized to accommodate either truckload or container load capacities. We suggest that this suggestion be discussed with both the CONTRACT MANAGEMENT GROUP, DEPOT and the WAREHOUSING DEPARTMENT to effectively optimize the utilization of each load capacity.	The proposal is acknowledged, however, please note that it will be difficult to pre-determined the quantities to be ordered per truckload or container load capacities as different bidders/suppliers may be declared as LCRB/SCRB during the Mini-Competition. Bidders declared as LCRB/SCRB shall be responsible in arriving with the most effective and optimized ways in performing their deliveries based on the issued Call-Off.
55.	It's recommended that Call-Off issuances be taken into consideration. Specifically, Call-Offs should be issued every Monday per paper type especially for sea travel, rather than encompassing all paper sizes within a week. This approach is suggested due to limited shipping availability.	The request is noted.
56.	We kindly request a measure of flexibility for suppliers who may face challenges in adhering strictly to these regulations. It's important to acknowledge that real-world scenarios can sometimes diverge from the premises upon which RA 9184 was established.	We understand that prospective bidders/suppliers might face challenges in complying with certain requirements. We take note of the request and will take into account any valid concerns that may arise while adhering to the guidelines outlined in RA 9184.

Office Warehouse Inc.⁶		
57.	Request a revision of such a requirement such as giving a prospective bidder an option to submit a bank certificate guaranteeing the existence of a credit line equivalent to the project cost which binds itself to use to be able to supply and deliver the he project, or any similar requirement.	The BAC hereby clarifies that the original requirement is retained.
Triplex Enterprises, Inc.⁷		
58.	If only one bidder joins for any particular items listed on said bidding, does the sole bidder allowed to serve 1st year only, and no more mini competition.	If the procurement is for a Multi-Year Framework Agreement (MYFA) and only one (1) passed the preliminary examination or evaluation, the MYFA shall be converted to a single-year Framework Agreement.
Lamco Paper Products Co., Inc.⁸		
59.	All paper producers cannot produce exactly to the advertised GSM of 70, rather there is an acceptable range of tolerance. As such, what is the allowable tolerance for grammage or GSM of the paper?	None. Please refer to the updated Technical Specifications attached as " Annex C ".
60.	In case there is a occurrence of "act of God" or force majeure events whereby the price of paper or transportation cost rise higher than the price ceiling, will the bidder be allowed to increase the price? If so, what would be the process and procedure?	The ABC, as well as bid prices, shall be considered fixed prices and therefore not subject to price adjustment and escalation during contract implementation, except under extraordinary circumstances and upon prior approvals. Please refer to RULE XIX – CONTRACT PRICES AND WARRANTIES and Appendix 15 REVISED GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACT PRICE ESCALATION of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9184.
61.	In case of "act of God" or force majeure events will bidders be granted extension of delivery deadline? If so, what would be the process and procedure?	Any extension of time for the delivery or performance shall be made in writing and prior to the date of deliver or performance indicated in the Framework Agreement or Call-Off and subject to prior approval by the Procuring Entity

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⁸ Letter received on 22 August 2023 via email

		after consideration of reasonable and justifiable causes.
62.	What happens when bidder is not able to submit a bid for the mini competition?	Eligible bidders may opt not to participate in the mini-competition for valid and justifiable reasons. Nevertheless, if the supplier refused to participate, this will be taken into consideration and PS-DBM shall take appropriate action.

By Rules, all other related provisions in the Bidding Documents correspondingly affected by these amendments are likewise deemed amended to conform to this Bid Bulletin.

Amendments/inclusions/clarifications made herein shall be considered an integral part of the Bidding Documents.


JOSEPH C. DE SALES
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee II

For the purpose of this Bulletin and for better understanding of its contents, the following rules shall apply: (a) Double Strike out – denotes deletion; (b) Underline – denotes inclusion or new item/requirement; and "xxx" – denotes separation of phrase/s being amended from the rest of the main text.

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT LIST
(Indicative Call-Off Schedule)**

ITEM DESCRIPTION: PAPER, MULTIPURPOSE, A4			
MAXIMUM TWO YEARS QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS: 5,253,054 REAMS			
1 st YEAR	2 nd YEAR	DELIVERY SITE	DELIVERY PERIOD
1,268,527 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i>	1,268,527 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i>	PS Warehouse, PS Complex, RR Road Cristobal St., Paco, Manila; Direct Delivery to End-User Agencies within Metro Manila, Antipolo, Rizal and Imus, Cavite	Within ten (10) Calendar Days (CD) upon receipt of Call-Off
686,000 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i>	686,000 reams <i>(The exact quantity will be determined for each Call-Off)</i>	Baguio Depot Bontoc Depot La Union Depot Tuguegarao Depot Legazpi Depot Pampanga Depot <i>See SCC Clause 1 for the Addresses</i>	Within ten (10) Calendar Days (CD) upon receipt of Call-Off
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I hereby commit to deliver the required quality and quantities upon receipt of the Call-Off as indicated above.

Name of Company

Signature over Printed
Name of Authorized
Representative

Date

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CONFORMITY WITH THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FORM

ITEM NO. 1	PAPER, MULTIPURPOSE, A4
TWO YEARS QUANTITY REQUIREMENTS	5,253,054 REAMS
AGENCY SPECIFICATIONS	BIDDER'S COMPLIANCE*
<p>Paper, Multipurpose, A4</p> <p>See attached detailed Technical Specifications:</p> <p>PS STANDARD NO. PP 051:2023 UNSPSC Code No. 14111525-PP-C01</p> <p>Shall conform to the Additional Packaging Requirements.</p>	<p>Brand:</p> <p>(Note: Brand shall be IPO registered)</p>

Note 1: Valid Test Result conducted not earlier than six (6) months prior to the deadline of submission of bids, issued by the government laboratory testing center or government accredited private laboratory testing center or third party laboratory testing center. In case there is no available government laboratory center or the required testing method is not available, the test may be conducted by a government accredited private testing center; or if still not available, by a third party laboratory testing center.

Note 2: Product sample shall be submitted on or before the deadline indicated in the Notice of Sample Submission.

We commit to deliver the goods under the new packaging and consistent with the physical appearance and color of the sample submitted as required by the Procurement Service.

I hereby certify that the statement of compliance to the foregoing technical specifications are true and correct, otherwise, if found to be false either during bid evaluation or post-qualification, the same shall give rise to automatic disqualification of our bid.

Name of Company

Signature Over Printed
Name of Authorized
Representative

Date

* Bidders must state here either "Comply" or "Not Comply" against each of the individual parameters of each Specification stating the corresponding performance parameter of the equipment offered. Statements of "Comply" or "Not Comply" must be supported by evidence in a Bidders Bid and cross-referenced to that evidence. Evidence shall be in the form of manufacturer's un-amended sales literature, unconditional statements of specification and compliance issued by the manufacturer, independent test data etc., as appropriate. A statement that is not supported by evidence or is subsequently found to be contradicted by the evidence presented will render the Bid under evaluation liable for rejection. A statement either in the Bidder's statement of compliance or the supporting evidence that is found to be false either during Bid evaluation, post-qualification or the execution of the Contract may be regarded as fraudulent and render the Bidder or supplier liable for prosecution subject to the applicable laws and issuances.

Technical Requirements for

PAPER, MULTIPURPOSE, A4**PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

- Basis Weight: 70gsm (min.)
- Size: A4, 210mm x 297mm (± 2 mm in either direction)
- Sheet Count (min.): 500 sheets per ream
- Trim sizes shall be along machine direction or long grain

Other Physical Property	Requirement	
	Minimum	Maximum
Brightness, % (Photovolt)	90	---
Opacity, %	90	---
Stiffness (Gurley), MD, $\mu\text{N.m}$	250	---
Thickness, mm	0.08	---
Dirt Count, mm^2/m^2	---	15

- Intended application: For laser printer, standard office copier, etc.
- Paper shall be at least Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF).
- Inner lining and flute of the carton box shall be 100% recycled fiber.

EVIDENCE and VERIFICATION

- **Documentary Evidence to be submitted during Post-qualification:**
 - Technical dossier from the manufacturer with evidence that the Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) is met.
 - Valid test report from a government laboratory testing center or government accredited private laboratory testing center or third party laboratory testing center. In case there is no available government laboratory center or the required testing method is not available, the test may be conducted by a government accredited private testing center; or if still not available, by a third party laboratory testing center.
 - Valid test report showing compliance to the following parameters:
 - Basis Weight: 70gsm (min.)
 - Inner lining and flute of the carton box shall be 100% recycled fiber.
 - Other Physical Properties:

Other Physical Property	Requirement	
	Minimum	Maximum
Brightness, % (Photovolt)	90	---
Opacity, %	90	---
Stiffness (Gurley), MD, $\mu\text{N.m}$	250	---
Thickness, mm	0.08	---
Dirt Count, mm^2/m^2	---	15

- **A Confirmatory Test during delivery** from a government laboratory testing center or government accredited private laboratory testing center or third party laboratory testing center. In case there is no available government laboratory center or the required testing method is not available, the test may be conducted by a government accredited private testing center; or if still not available, by a third party laboratory testing center.
 - Valid test report showing compliance to the following parameters:
 - Basis Weight: 70gsm (min.)
 - Inner lining and flute of the carton box shall be 100% recycled fiber.
 - Other Physical Properties:

Other Physical Property	Requirement	
	Minimum	Maximum
Brightness, % (Photovolt)	90	---
Opacity, %	90	---
Stiffness (Gurley), MD, $\mu\text{N.m}$	250	---
Thickness, mm	0.08	---
Dirt Count, mm^2/m^2	---	15

- **In-house Test:**
 - Determine the dimensions using a steel ruler.
 - Size: A4, 210mm x 297mm ($\pm 2\text{mm}$ in either direction)
 - Sheet Count (min.): 500 sheets per ream
 - Trim sizes shall be along machine direction or long grain.
- Five (5) reams and one (1) piece of packaging box with marking/labeling shall be provided by the bidder during the submission of additional post-qualification documents for verification of the product specifications.

PACKAGING

- Five hundred (500) sheets per ream, each ream shall be wrapped using 70gsm (min.) kraft or coated/uncoated white book paper and containing markings or information as to recommended usage.

- Five (5) reams per box. Inner lining and flute of the carton box shall be 100% recycled fiber.
- Additional Requirement on Packaging, refer to the attached Annex "A"

MARKING/LABELING

- Shall conform with the minimum Marking and Labeling Requirements under Article 77 of Republic Act 7394 (Consumer Act of the Philippines) whichever is/are applicable among those requirements to this item.
- Intended application: For laser printer, standard office copier, etc.

REFERENCES

- none