



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

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**SECTION I. INVITATION TO BID**

**“Maintenance Agreement for the Existing Next-Generation Firewall with additional DNS Security Components”**

1. The Bureau of Customs (BOC) through the authorized appropriations under the CY 2025 General Appropriation Act (GAA) intends to apply the sum Eleven Million Pesos (Php11,000,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for “Maintenance Agreement for the Existing Next-Generation Firewall with additional DNS Security Components”. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the bid opening.
2. The Bureau of Customs now invites bids of the above Procurement Project. All bidders should have completed, within five (5) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II (Instructions to Bidders).
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary “*pass/fail*” criterion as specified in the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.

Bidding is restricted to 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 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.

4. Prospective bidders may obtain further information from the BOC Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders on March 14, 2025, from the given address and website below and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php25,000.00). The Procuring Entity shall allow the bidder to present its proof of payment for the fees to be presented in person.
6. The BOC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference<sup>1</sup> on March 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the GSD Conference Room, Ground Floor, OCOM Building, South Harbor, Gate 3, Port Area, Manila, and/or through videoconferencing/webcasting via Microsoft Teams, which shall be open to prospective bidders. The Letter of Intent shall be sent through email, thereafter, confirmation link shall be sent via Microsoft Teams.

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<sup>1</sup> May be deleted in case the ABC is less than One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000) where the Procuring Entity may not hold a Pre-Bid Conference.



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7. All bids must be duly received by the BAC Secretariat through manual submission at the office address as indicated below on or April 02, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Any late bids shall not be accepted.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 14.
9. The bid opening shall be conducted on April 02, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the given address below submitted bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity.
10. The BOC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award in accordance with Section 41 of RA 9184 and its IRR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
11. For further information, please refer to:

BOC-BAC Secretariat  
General Services Division  
OCOM Bldg., South Harbor, Gate 3, Port Area, Manila  
Telefax No. 526-6571  
Email address: [bacsecretariat@customs.gov.ph](mailto:bacsecretariat@customs.gov.ph)

12. You may visit the following websites:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: <https://customs.gov.ph/bid-opportunities/>

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for **ATTY. ERWIN T. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson, BOC-BAC