



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER OF INVITATION

RFP No.: 01-2016

Loan No.: 8444-PH

06 May 2016

1. The Government of the Philippines (hereinafter called “Borrower”) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (the “Bank”) in the form of a loan (hereinafter called “Loan”) toward the cost of the Cebu Bus Rapid Transit Project. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), an implementing agency or the Client, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this Loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued. Payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the DOTC and upon approval by the Bank and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the Government of the Philippines shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the loan.
2. The Client now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called “Services”): *Social Management Consultant for the Cebu Bus Rapid Transit System Project*. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7).
3. This RFP has been addressed to the following shortlisted Consultants:
 - a) Egis International (France) and CEST, Inc. (Philippines) Joint Venture.
 - b) University of San Carlos – Center for Social Research and Education (Philippines);
 - c) Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC) International Pty., Ltd. (Australia); and
 - d) Tehno Consulting and Design, S.r.l. (Moldova).
4. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm.
5. A firm will be selected under Quality-Based Selection (QBS) procedures and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the policies of the Bank detailed in the Consultants’ Guidelines which can be found at the following website: www.worldbank.org/procure.
6. The RFP includes the following documents:

Section 1 - Letter of Invitation

Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants (ITC) and Data Sheet

Section 3 - Technical Proposal (FTP) - Standard Forms

Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

Section 5 – Eligible Countries

Section 6 – Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

Section 7 - Terms of Reference

Section 8 - Standard Forms of Contract (Time-Based)

7. Please inform us by 13 May 2016 [Pacific Standard Time (UTC + 8:00)], in writing at Unit 153, 15th Floor, The Columbia Tower, Barangay Wack-Wack, Ortigas Avenue, 1555 Mandaluyong City, Philippines, by facsimile ([+632] 654-7725) or by e-mail (bacsec@dotc.gov.ph):
- (a) that you have received the Letter of Invitation; and
 - (b) whether you intend to submit a proposal alone or intend to enhance your experience **by requesting permission to associate with other firm(s)** (if permissible under Section 2, ITC, Data Sheet 14.1.1).
8. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in Clauses 17.7 and 17.9 of the ITC.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman, Primary Bids and Awards Committee
and Undersecretary for Planning

