

BAC Resolution Declaring Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) and Recommending Award for the Procurement of Security Services for the Department of Tourism (DOT-BAC IB No. 2019-039)

Resolution No. 2020 - 128

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism (DOT), through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), posted the Invitation to Bid (IB) for the Procurement of Security Services in the DOT website, the PhilGEPS website and in a conspicuous place at the premises of the DOT continuously for at least seven (7) calendar days, starting on 27 December 2019. The total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of Nine Million One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Pesos and 58/100 (PhP9,142,962.58) inclusive of applicable taxes, "short of award". A copy of the PhilGEPS posting is hereto attached, marked as Annex "A", and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, the BAC issued three (3) Supplemental/Bid Bulletins announcing adjustment in the procurement schedule. A copy of Supplemental/Bid Bulletins Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are hereto attached, marked as **Annex "B", Annex "C" and Annex "D"**, respectively, and are made integral parts hereof;

WHEREAS, a Pre-Bid Conference was held on 20 January 2020 and was attended by the following prospective bidders:

- 1) Aremos Security and Investigation Agency and
- 2) Grand Meritus Security Agency Inc.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Pre-Bid Conference is hereto attached, marked as **Annex** "E" and made an integral part hereof.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said Pre-Bid Conference, the BAC issued two (2) Supplemental/Bid Bulletins Nos. 4 and No. 5 announcing adjustment in the procurement schedule, clarifications and amendments to the Bidding Documents. A copy of Supplemental/Bid Bulletin Nos. 4 and 5 are hereto attached, marked as **Annex** "F" and "Annex G", respectively, and are made integral parts hereof;

WHEREAS, in response to said posting, two (2) prospective bidders purchased the bidding documents and submitted their bid proposals within the deadline set on 03 February 2020, to wit:

- 1) Aremos Security and Investigation Agency and
- 2) Grand Meritus Security Agency Inc.

WHEREAS, during the opening of bids held on 03 February 2020, the two (2) prospective bidders were declared "passed" during the preliminary examination of bids. A copy of the Abstract of Bids "as Read" is hereto attached, marked as **Annex "H"**, and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, during Bid Evaluation, the BAC had the following findings:

Name of Bidder	Bid Amount (As Read)	
Aremos Security and Investigation Agency	PhP9,103,027.50	
Grand Meritus Security Agency Inc.	PhP9,103,027.50	

A copy of the Abstract of Bids as Calculated is hereto attached, marked as **Annex "I"**, and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, upon detailed evaluation of bid resulted in the following:

Name of Bidder	Bid Amount (As Calculated)	Rank
Aremos Security and	PhP9,103,027.50	Lowest Calculated Bid
Investigation Agency		
Grand Meritus Security	PhP9,103,027.50	Lowest Calculated Bid
Agency, Inc.		

WHEREAS, considering that both bidders were ranked Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB), both were subjected to post-qualification and upon further examination, validation and verification of the eligibility, technical and financial requirements submitted by the two (2) competing bidders, their bids have been found to be "Responsive". A copy of the Pos-Qualification Reports are hereto attached, as **Annex** "J" and **Annex** "K", and are made integral parts hereof;

WHEREAS, the procurement activity was affected by declaration of state calamity due to covid 19 and was temporarily suspended and resumed after declaration of General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in Metro Manila.

WHEREAS, upon background check-up, Aremos Security and Investigation Agency was found to be non-responsive due to comments/remarks of one of the client, Department of Energy, that Aremos Security and Investigation Agency was not able to fulfill its obligation in accordance and compliance with the Terms of Reference required by DOE.

WHEREAS, the DOT requested Aremos Security and Investigation Agency for a Certification of Satisfactory Performance coming from DOE to be submitted on or before 26 June 2020, but they did not respond. A copy of the letter-request dated 24 June 2020 is hereto attached, marked as **Annex** "L", and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, Aremos Security and Investigation Agency filed a Motion for Reconsideration dated July 17, 2020 and after submission of Compliance Letter dated July 27, 2020, the BAC granted the Motion for Reconsideration. A copy of Motion for Reconsideration, Compliance Letter and the Letter reply for the Motion for Reconsideration are hereto attached, as **Annex "M", Annex "N"** and **Annex "O"**, and are made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, a tie-breaking activity by a toss coin was scheduled on 06 August 2020 wherein Aremos Security and Investigation Agency won. A copy of Letter for the Tie-Breaking are hereto attached, as "Annex P" and "Annex Q", and are made an integral part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, WE, the Members of the DOT Bids and Awards Committee, hereby **Resolve**, as it is hereby **Resolved**:

- a) To declare Aremos Security and Investigation Agency, as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) for the Procurement of Security Services with a contract duration from 01 September to 31 December 2020 and awarded the contract in the total amount of Three Million Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Five Philippine Pesos and 032/100 (PhP3,657,185.032) inclusive of applicable taxes; and
- b) To recommend for approval of the Secretary of Tourism the foregoing findings.
 Resolved at the City of Makati this 10th day of August 2020.

Recommending Approval:

ASEC. ROBERTO P. ALABADO III

BAC Chairperson

DIR. MILAGROS Y. SAY

Vice Chairperson

MR. RAYMUND GLEN A. AGUSTIN

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BAC Member

By Authority of the Secretary (per Department Order No. 2020-022)

Approved/Disapproved:

ASEC. REYNALDO L. CHING

OIC-Undersecretary for Finance and Administration