TERMS OF REFERENCE

I.   PROJECT TITLE   :   Japanese Market Travel Bubble Dialogue with

                                                     Familiarization Tour in El Nido, Palawan

II.   DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION   :   23-26 October 2020

III.   BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 is a universal pandemic language. It has shaken the worldwide economy and is still compromising the health of people. All sectors have been affected and travel and tourism suffered an unprecedented blow, which crippled businesses across the globe, jobs were lost, the local economies had been brought to a halt.

In the Municipality of El Nido alone, the Pandemic has brought an estimated Php 2.55B losses in terms of tourism receipts with 5,816 individuals directly affected.

Tourism, being the major economic driver in El Nido, should bounce back and be dynamic again. The pandemic will not stop the Department from implementing its mandate but rebuild a better, safer, and environment-friendly tourism areas.

Through the guidance of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF EID), the DOT has heard the appeals of our private stakeholders and local government units to a safe, strategic, and the gradual opening of our tourism destination.

The creation of tourism bubbles and corridors will serve as an example for other areas to gradually open their destinations to Japan and other similar low risk countries. Together, with strict implementation of health protocols and standards of the World Health Organization (WHO), will shape tourism of tomorrow.

Re-starting the industry is not a one-day big event, it should be done in a slow but sure manner. Hence, prior to the re-opening, a dry run to ensure fluidity in terms of procedure upon arrival, stay and departure should be experienced. This will help mitigate risks that may happen and further improve the process.

In view of this, the Department of Tourism (DOT) proposes to conduct the 4-day Japanese Market Travel Bubble Exploratory Dialogue with Familiarization Tour of El Nido which will showcase the standards and safety protocols of our destination bubble and encourage our tourists to confidently travel in this destination.

The DOT, Municipality of El Nido as well as the private sector are working closely for the safe, strategic, and gradual reopening of our tourist destinations.

IV.   OBJECTIVES

1. Re-open tourist destinations responsibly through the implementation of harmonized and coordinated protocols and procedures.

2. Regain confidence in the traveling industry to Philippine destinations.

3. Establish travel bubble, among low-risk areas, a way forward to economic recovery.

4. Encourage other tourism destinations to gradually open their doors to travel tourism.

V. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be air carrier that services Manila to El Nido route and vice versa;
2. Must comply with the minimum standard health protocol for airlines;
3. Must include RT PCR Testing for each passenger;
3. Must have experience providing services to both foreign and national media, DOT and other government agencies; and
4. Must be able to provide services on a Send-Bill Arrangement
5. Bidder will be paid based on actual services rendered but shall not exceed the total contract price

III. SCOPE OF WORK/DELIVERABLES:

- Provision of eight (8) roundtrip airfare tickets inclusive of RT PCR Testing
- Departure Manila to El Nido: October 23, 2020
  Departure El Nido to Manila: October 26, 2020
- Check-in Baggage: 10 kilos Luggage Allowance

IV. BUDGET

The total budget allocation is ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php 112,000.00), inclusive of applicable taxes and fees.

The winning bid shall be determined based on the proposal that is responsive with the technical specifications and whose bid is within the approved budget for the contract (ABC).

V. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

1. Mayor's/BusinessPermit
2. Latest Income/Business Tax Return
3. Duly Notarized Omnibus Sworn Statement
4. PhilGEPS Registration Number

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