

GENERAL BID BULLETIN NO. 3
March 28, 2019

**General Consultant for the Works under the North-South Commuter
 Railway Extension Project**

LOAN NO. PH-P270

Issued to clarify and/or amend certain provisions in the Bidding Documents issued for this project, considering the issues raised and clarifications made by prospective bidders during the **Pre-proposal Conference** held on **18 March 2019**, likewise, respond to bidders' written queries received within the prescriptive period for filing.

A. AMENDMENTS

REFERENCE	BASES FOR AMENDMENT
<p>SECTION 5. Terms of Reference Chapter 5. Staffing (Expertise Required) (1) <i>Qualification of Key Experts, Page 82</i> xxx</p> <p>There are nineteen (19) foreign <u>international</u> Key Expert positions.</p> <p>xxx</p>	<p><i>As clarified with the End-User.</i></p>

B. CLARIFICATIONS

No.	REFERENCE/REQUEST	CLARIFICATION SOUGHT	RESPONSE
1	<p>Section 5 (Staffing – Expertise Required) Page 82</p> <p>(1) Qualification of Key Experts</p> <p>There are nineteen (19) foreign Key Expert positions</p>	<p>There are many Filipino professional engineers, managers and specialists whose experiences are not limited to projects in the Philippines. Their overseas skills, knowledge and experience can be considered at par or even better than many foreign nationals. Filipinos who have considerably worked internationally and knowledgeable of international best practices should be</p>	<p>Key Expert positions are all international experts. There are no nationality restrictions on Key Experts, as long as they meet the qualifications stated in the TOR. Filipinos may be allowed as international experts as long as they meet the criteria.</p>


		<p>considered as International Experts.</p> <p>In this regard, can you please consider allowing Filipinos to be proposed for Key Expert and Non-Key Expert positions?</p>	<p><i>Please see above amendment.</i></p>
2	<p>Section 5 (Staffing – Expertise Required) Page 82</p> <p>(1) Qualification of Key Experts</p> <p>Chief Social & Resettlement Expert – Experience in implementing land acquisition and resettlement projects in the Philippines for the last five (5) years</p> <p>Chief Environment Expert –Experience in implementing environmental projects in the Philippines for the last five (5) years</p> <p>Gender and Development Expert - Experience in implementing projects in relation to GAD in the Philippines for the last five (5) years</p>	<p>Aside from international best practices, knowledge of local socio-economic and environmental conditions, including culture, are all critical in working with social and environmental safeguards issues.</p> <p>The required project experience in the Philippines for the last five (5) years of the three (3) Key Experts mentioned will be beneficial for the project.</p> <p>Again, may we suggest that Filipinos who have considerably worked internationally and knowledgeable of international best practices should be considered as International Experts.</p>	<p>Refer to response to Item 1.</p>
3	<p>Annex I. Consultant’s Services Time-Based Contract III. Special Conditions of Contract, Page 129</p> <p>3.5 (b) professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of JPY 2.08 billion</p> <p>and</p> <p>SCC 3.5 from the Standard Request for Proposals (version 1.1) published by JICA in October 2012 which governs this selection process based on page 5 of the RFP, Section 2. QBS – Instructions to Consultants, is quoted below:</p> <p>(b) professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of [insert amount</p>	<p>We believe that JICA is well aware of the difficulty of obtaining PLI (professional liability insurance) such that JICA has indicated a maximum amount of <u>300 million Japanese Yen</u>. We strongly appeal that this maximum amount be observed similar to other DOTr ongoing projects so that bidders can comply.</p>	<p>300 million JPY in the SCC is a minimum amount, not a maximum. The Employer’s requirement of setting the minimum coverage of JPY 2.08 Billion is specific to this project. 300 million JPY as a minimum PLI coverage is critically small considering the cost and scope of the project.</p>

	<p>and currency];</p> <p>Note: The coverage shall be set at the Contract amount or 300 million Japanese Yen, whichever is smaller.</p>		
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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.

All other related provisions in the Request for Proposal correspondingly affected by these clarifications/amendments/inclusions are likewise amended to conform to this General Bid Bulletin.

Clarifications/amendment/inclusions made herein shall be considered an integral part of the Request for Proposals.


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