



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



**INVITATION TO BID
SUBSCRIPTION OF LICENSE RENEWAL
FOR THE FORTINET LOAD BALANCER**

1. The **PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)**, through the **Government of the Philippines (GOP)**, the General Appropriations Act 2022 (RA 11639) intends to apply the sum of **Two Million Pesos (Php 2,000,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the **Subscription of License Renewal for the Fortinet Load Balancer / ITB No. 2022-31**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The **PRC** now invites bids for the **Subscription of License Renewal for the Fortinet Load Balancer / ITB No. 2022-31**. The Subscription of License Renewal for the Fortinet Load Balancer / ITB No. 2022-31 shall be completed within the duration indicated in the Schedule of Requirements. Bidders should have completed, within the period from January 2018 up to the date of submission and opening of bids, a contract equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC that is 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) 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”.

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 5183.
4. Prospective bidders may obtain further information from **PRC** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during **office hours**.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders from the address below *and upon payment of the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents, pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB, in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00)*.
6. It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.
7. The **PRC** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at **9:00 AM of October 6, 2022** through video conferencing which shall be open to prospective bidders. For proper coordination, all interested bidders are hereby requested to submit their Letter of Intent to participate, including therein contract details, and send to bac@prc.gov.ph on or before October 5, 2022.


8. Bids must be duly received by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat through manual submission at the address indicated below on or before **9:00 AM of October 19, 2022**. Late bids shall not be accepted.
9. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration.
10. Bid opening shall be at **9:30 AM on October 19, 2022** at the **BAC Conference Room, 4th Floor, PRC Annex Building, P. Paredes St., Sampaloc, Manila**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend the activity via video conferencing.
11. The **PRC** 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 35.6 and 41 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
12. For further information, please refer to:

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13. You may visit our website indicated below:

For downloading of Bidding Documents: <https://www.prc.gov.ph/2022-invitation-bid-central-office>

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Commissioner
BAC Chairman
