



INVITATION TO BID

1. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) intends to apply the sum of **FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 PESOS ONLY (PHP 4, 500,000.00)** inclusive of VAT and other applicable taxes and charges, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC), through the Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing Board of Credit Information Corporation as payment for the contract for **Supply, Delivery, Installation, Configuration, Testing and Commissioning of Three (3) units of Next Generation Firewalls**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The SEC now invites bids for the **Supply, Delivery, Installation, Configuration, Testing and Commissioning of Three (3) units of Next Generation Firewalls** [an integrated network platform that consists of in-line deep packet inspection (DPI) firewall, Intrusion Prevention System, Application Inspection and Control, SSL/SSH inspection, website filtering, and QoS/bandwidth management in the network to protect the network against latest sophisticated attacks]. Bidders should have completed, within three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract 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 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 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from SEC and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on **November 20, 2014** from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS and 00/100 ONLY (PHP 5,000.00)**.

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 nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

5. The SEC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **November 28, 2014, 9:00 AM** at the Office of the BAC Secretariat, Securities and Exchange Commission, 9th Floor, SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **December 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM**. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be immediately held after the deadline for submission of bids at the Office of the BAC Secretariat, Securities and Exchange Commission, 9th Floor, SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

7. The SEC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
8. For further information, please refer to:

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