



Republic of the Philippines  
**COMMISSION ON AUDIT**  
Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines

**INVITATION TO BID**  
(No. 2017-01)

**Upgrading of the Regional Offices Network Infrastructure and Acquisition of Next Generation Firewall for COA Central Office**

1. The Commission on Audit (COA) will be accepting bids for the Upgrading of the Regional Offices Network Infrastructure and Acquisition of Next Generation Firewall for COA Central Office. The Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) is Forty Five Million One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Five Pesos (₱45,129,305.00) broken down as follows:

| Lot No. | Item Description                         | ABC (In Pesos)        | Cost of Bidding Documents |
|---------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1       | Upgrading of Network Cabling             | ₱28,004,305.00        | ₱20,000.00                |
| 2       | Layer 2 Switch and Wireless Access Point | ₱14,125,000.00        | ₱15,000.00                |
| 3       | Next Generation Firewall                 | ₱3,000,000.00         | ₱5,000.00                 |
|         | <b>Total ABC</b>                         | <b>₱45,129,305.00</b> |                           |

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

2. Delivery of Goods shall not exceed the numbers of days, indicated below, upon supplier's receipt of the Notice to Proceed:

Lot 1 – one hundred eighty (180) calendar days

Lot 2 – forty five (45) calendar days

Lot 3 - forty five (45) calendar days

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” criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act.”
4. Bidders are asked to pay a fee for the bidding documents to recover the cost for the preparation and development of Bidding Documents. The Bidding Documents may be downloaded free of charge from the following websites: [www.coa.gov.ph](http://www.coa.gov.ph) and [www.philgeps.gov.ph](http://www.philgeps.gov.ph). Provided, that upon submission of their bids, the bidders shall pay

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the applicable fee. The bidding documents may also be secured from the BAC Secretariat upon payment of the corresponding fee.

5. The Bidding Documents Fee may be refunded in accordance with the grounds provided for under Section 41 of the Act and the IRR
6. The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| <b>ACTIVITIES</b>                 | <b>SCHEDULE</b>   | <b>VENUE</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Issuance of the Bidding Documents | January 9, 2017 to January 30, 2017 before the deadline of the submission of bids | COA-Procurement and Property & Supply Management Services |
| Pre-Bid Conference                | January 17, 2017, 2:00 P.M.   | COA - BAC Office  |
| Submission/Opening of Bids        | January 30, 2017, 2:00 P.M.   | COA - BAC Office  |

7. The Pre-Bid Conference is open to prospective bidders.
8. The COA-BAC 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.
9. For further information, please contact:

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