



BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL BID BULLETIN NO. 1

**SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND TESTING OF RICE COMBINE HARVESTERS
(PHilMech-RCEF-24-04-16)**

This **Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 1** is being issued to clarify, amend and supplement provisions in the Bidding Documents.

A. ISSUES AND CONCERNS DURING THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE

<p>1. <i>Issue / Proposal: Inquiry if they could declare as their SLCC the contract that has already been delivered but not yet paid.</i></p>
<p>Action Taken/Reply: The contract should have a certificate of completion and final acceptance to be considered a completed contract and SLCC.</p>
<p>2. <i>Issue / Proposal: Request that the delivery period be 120 calendar days since the normal lead time for production is 3-4 months.</i></p>
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Delivery period is retained.</p>
<p>3. <i>Issue / Proposal: Inquiry if they could delete in the list of ongoing contracts their contracts that have been delivered and completed but not yet paid.</i></p>
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Contracts with a certificate of completion and final acceptance could be considered completed contracts and deleted from the list of ongoing projects. For PHilMech projects, bidders may request in writing a certificate of completion addressed to Director IV of PHilMech.</p>
<p>4. <i>Issue / Proposal: Request clarification on whether they could participate in only selected lots and if the failure to participate in all of the lots in a particular project constitutes a disqualification.</i></p>
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Bidders may participate on selected lots since the project shall be awarded as one project having several items grouped into several lots, which shall be awarded as separate contracts per lot as stipulated in the Instruction to Bidders (ITB) Clause 19.4 of the bidding documents.</p>
<p>5. <i>Issue / Proposal: Request to consider a Tier II non-full drive system for lots 8-11, taking into consideration the memorandum from the DA undersecretary dated January 15, 2024, pertaining to the procurement of Tier II engines.</i></p>
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Technical specification is retained.</p>
<p>6. <i>Issue / Proposal: Inquiry if a certification of the availability of spare parts for each service center would satisfy the requirement for a "verifiable record of availability of spare parts of the brand or model being offered in the specified service center/s".</i></p>
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Yes, certification will suffice, but it will still be validated during post qualification evaluation.</p>

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B. WRITTEN QUERIES/ COMMENTS/REQUEST

<p>1. <i>Issue / Proposal: (Letter dated April 23, 2024) FORTUNETRACT AGRO SALES, INC.</i></p> <p><i>"We are seeking modification to the requirements for the preference/acceptability of rice combine harvester brand. Rather than stipulating a minimum of private buyers annually from 2021 to 2023, we suggest revising it to require 6 private buyers in any year."</i></p>		
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Request/proposal is granted. Technical specification is amended</p>		
	FROM	TO
<p>Technical Specifications (For Lots 1-3)</p>	<p>7. Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 2 private buyers per year of harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.</p>	<p>7. Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 6 private buyers of harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.</p>
<p>1. <i>Issue / Proposal: (Letter dated April 23, 2024) FORTUNETRACT AGRO SALES, INC.</i></p> <p><i>"We kindly request that the Certificate of Conformity for the TIER 3 Harvester is excluded from bidding requirements. This is because neither BAFE nor AMTEC currently have the required testing capabilities for TIER 3 Engines and standards."</i></p>		
<p>Action Taken/Reply: Request/proposal is partially granted. Technical requirement is amended.</p>		
	FROM	TO
<p>Technical Specifications (For Lots 1-11)</p>	<p>With the following Certifications:</p> <p>1. Valid Certificate of Conformity (COC) to Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery or certification from BAFE of their application for COC submitted before delivery.</p> <p>....</p>	<p>With the following Certifications:</p> <p>1. Valid Certificate of Conformity (COC) to Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery or certification from BAFE of their application for COC submitted as a condition for payment.</p> <p>....</p>
<p>2. <i>Issue / Proposal: (Letter dated April 24, 2024) FORD TRACTOR PHILS.</i></p> <p><i>Equipped with Tracker System (with the following key features listed on the Philippine Bidding Document under the Technical Specification Section page 39.)</i></p> <p><i>It has become apparent that the specifications provided for the tracker system may pose challenges for prospective bidders, potentially limiting the number of qualified applicants. We are particularly concerned that the complexity of the requirements may deter otherwise capable bidders from participating in the bidding process.</i></p> <p><i>In light of this, we respectfully request your support in simplifying the requirements for the tracker system to Manufacturer Standard Specification, while ensuring that its main functions and operations remain intact. Our objective is to streamline the procurement process and facilitate greater participation from a</i></p>		

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wider range of prospective bidders, without compromising the effectiveness or reliability of the tracker system.

We believe that by aligning the requirements with industry-standard practices, specifically those set by reputable manufacturers in the field, we can achieve a more inclusive and competitive bidding environment. We assure you that our goal is not to diminish the quality or performance of the tracker system but rather to optimize the procurement process for all stakeholders involved. We are committed to ensure that any modifications made to the requirements will be carefully considered and implemented in a manner that upholds and does not compromise the integrity of the tracker system.

Action Taken/Reply: Technical specification of the tracker system is retained. The requirements indicated in the technical specifications are the minimum requirements.

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Technical Specifications	3. Equipped with Tracker System with the following key features:	3. Equipped with Tracker System with the following minimum key features/ functionality :

3. Issue / Proposal: (Letter dated April 24, 2024) FORD TRACTOR PHILS.

Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 3 private buyers per year of harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.

It has been a major requirement to submit certification on established customer preference/acceptability to assure that the machine brand to be offered has acquired a good track record of good machine performance and after sales service to customers. A proof of document to support the procuring entity on the quality of the machines they will purchase to prospective bidders.

However, limiting the requirement to only private buyers will limit bidders to participate on the said procurement. This is due to unstable and unpredictable sales flow of machines per region and major sales quantity on the government. With this, we would like to request that the certification will include both private and government buyers to supply the given requirement of at least 3 buyers of harvester per year of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.

Providing the said certification with the government as the buyer will boost the authenticity of the product being offered by the prospective bidders. As it will present that the product is not only being patronized by private buyers but also the government entities. It will provide the procuring entity the assurance that the product to be purchased has maintained a reputation of being in high quality with good after sales service.

Action Taken/Reply: Request/proposal is granted. Technical requirement is amended.

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Technical Specifications (For Lots 1-3)	7. Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 2 private buyers per year of	7. Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 2 private or government buyers excluding

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	harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.	PHilMech and PHilMech RCEF beneficiaries per year of harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.
Technical Specifications (For Lots 4-11)	6. Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 3 private buyers per year of harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.	6. Certification by the bidder of the brand of the offered rice combine harvester established customer preference/acceptability duly supported by verifiable proof of sales indicating the name, address and contact information of at least 3 private or government buyers excluding PHilMech and PHilMech RCEF beneficiaries per year of harvester of the same brand from 2021 to 2023 nationwide.

C. OTHER AMENDMENTS

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Technical Specifications (Tier III Lots 1-3)	- Manufacturer's, distributor's or bidder's certification that the proposed Agricultural Machinery Brand has been sold in the Philippine market for the last ten (5) years, accompanied or duly supported by documentary proof. The documentary proof must be verifiable through phone call, ocular inspection or both, covering the period beginning from 2019 or earlier and maybe any or a combination of the following:	- Manufacturer's, distributor's or bidder's certification that the proposed Agricultural Machinery Brand has been sold in the Philippine market for the last five (5) years, accompanied or duly supported by documentary proof. The documentary proof must be verifiable through phone call, ocular inspection or both, covering the period beginning from 2019 or earlier and maybe any or a combination of the following:
Technical Specifications	9. Six notarized certifications of Very Satisfactory Performance of the Rice Combine Harvester brand being offered with at least 1,500hrs of operation as to: i) Machinery Performance; ii) Machinery Durability; and, iii) Availability of Parts and Service. Who may issue: - Individual owners/ government recipients (farmer's organizations/association) nationwide must also indicate the transaction reference of the certified tractor. Excluding the following: - PHilMech - Bidder's Dealers and Authorized Service Centers	9. Six notarized certifications of Very Satisfactory Performance of the Rice Combine Harvester brand being offered with at least 1,500hrs of operation as to: i) Machinery Performance; ii) Machinery Durability; and, iii) Availability of Parts and Service. Who may issue: - Individual owners/ government recipients (farmer's organizations/association) nationwide must also indicate the transaction reference of the certified tractor. Excluding the following: - PHilMech - PHilMech RCEF beneficiaries - Bidder's Dealers and Authorized Service Centers
Technical Specifications * Client's affidavit indicating client's complete address and telephone number, brand, type and model of machinery, date of purchase and duly supported by physical proof of machinery. * Duly notarized Client's affidavit indicating client's complete address and telephone number, brand, type and model of machinery, date of purchase and duly supported by physical proof of machinery.


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CONFORMED:	_____
Bidders Name:	_____
Date Received:	_____