

after the deadline for receipt of proposals. The proposal with the highest score shall be identified as the Highest Rated Bid.

## **RULE X – POST-QUALIFICATION**

### **Section 34. Objective and Process of Post-Qualification**

34.1. The Lowest Calculated Bid/Highest Rated Bid shall undergo post-qualification in order to determine whether the bidder concerned complies with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions as specified in the Bidding Documents.

34.2. Within five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that the bidder has the Lowest Calculated Bid or Highest Rated Bid, the bidder shall submit to the BAC its latest income and business tax returns, and other appropriate licenses and permits required by law and stated in the Bidding Documents.

Failure to submit any of the post-qualification requirements on time, or a finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the bidder for award: *Provided*, That in the event that a finding against the veracity of any of the documents submitted is made, it shall cause the forfeiture of the Bid Security in accordance with Section 69 of this IRR.<sup>(a)</sup>

34.3. The post-qualification shall verify, validate, and ascertain all statements made and documents submitted by the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid/Highest Rated Bid, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents. These criteria shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the following:

a) Legal Requirements. To verify, validate, and ascertain licenses, certificates, permits, and agreements submitted by the bidder, and the fact that it is not included in any "blacklist" as provided in Section 25.3 of this IRR. For this purpose, the GPPB shall maintain a consolidated file of all "blacklisted" suppliers, contractors, and consultants.

b) Technical Requirements. To determine compliance of the goods, infrastructure projects, or consulting services offered with the requirements specified in the Bidding Documents, including, where applicable:

i) Verification and validation of the bidder's stated competence and experience, and the competence and experience of the bidder's key personnel to be assigned to the project, for the procurement of Infrastructure Projects and Consulting Services;

ii) Verification of availability and commitment, and/or inspection and testing for the required capacities and operating conditions, of equipment units to be owned/leased/under purchase by the bidder for use in the contract under bidding, as well as checking the performance of the bidder in its ongoing government and private contracts, if any of these ongoing contracts shows:

a. Negative slippage of at least fifteen percent (15%) in any one project or a negative slippage of at least ten percent (10%) in each of two (2) or more contracts;

- b. Failure of the contractor to commence repair works on ongoing contracts within seven (7) calendar days and to complete them within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the Procuring Entity's notice of defects and deficiencies;
- c. Failure of the contractor to commence repair works on contracts with pending certificates of acceptance within thirty (30) calendar days and complete them within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Procuring Entity's notice of defects and failures; or
- d. Substandard quality of work as per contract plans and specifications, or unsatisfactory performance of the contractor's obligations as per contract terms and conditions, at the time of inspection.

If the BAC verifies any of these deficiencies to be due to the contractor's fault or negligence, the agency shall disqualify the contractor from the award, for the procurement of Infrastructure Projects.

- iii) Verification and/or inspection and testing of the goods/product, after-sales and/or maintenance capabilities, in applicable cases, as well as checking the following:
  - a. Delay in the partial delivery of goods amounting to ten percent (10%) of the contract price in its ongoing government and private contracts;
  - b. If any of these contracts shows the bidder's failure to deliver or perform any or all of the goods or services within the period(s) specified in the contract or within any extension thereof granted by the Procuring Entity pursuant to a request made by the supplier prior to the delay, and such failure amounts to at least ten percent (10%) of the contract price; or
  - c. Unsatisfactory performance of the supplier's obligations as per contract terms and conditions at the time of inspection.

If the BAC verifies any of these deficiencies to be due to the bidder's fault or negligence, the BAC shall disqualify the bidder from the award, for the procurement of Goods.

- iv) Ascertainment of the authenticity of the bid security and its correctness as to type, amount, form and wording, and validity period, as required in the Bidding Documents.
- c) Financial Requirements. To verify, validate and ascertain the bid price proposal of the bidder and, whenever applicable, the required committed Line of Credit in the amount specified and over the period stipulated in the Bidding Documents, or the bidder's NFCC to ensure that the bidder can sustain the operating cash flow of the transaction. <sup>(a)</sup>
- 34.4. If the BAC determines that the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid/Highest Rated Bid passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the LCRB or HRRB, and recommend to the HoPE the award of contract to the said bidder at its submitted bid price or its calculated bid price, whichever is lower or, in the case of