

## Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

#### **BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

BAC Resolution No. 014-2023, Series of 2023

GRANTING THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE, INC. DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FIREWALL (APP Item No. 2023-0009)

WHEREAS, the National Privacy Commission (NPC) is a Procuring Entity (PE) mandated by law to meticulously and judiciously plan its budget consistent with government fiscal discipline measures;

WHEREAS, Section 7.1 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as Government Procurement Reform Act, provides that all procurement shall be within the approved budget of the PE;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) Circular No. 06-2019, the PE shall undertake Early Procurement Activities (EPA) for procurement for goods, infrastructure projects and consulting services funded out of or by the General Appropriations Act (GAA) and shall complete all the appropriate preparatory activities such as, but not limited to, cost-benefit analysis, feasibility studies and market research, among others prior to the approval of the indicative APP;

WHEREAS, the network infrastructure of the Commission is currently in place. However, to better protect the security of the Commission's internal and external network traffic, there is a need to identify and prevent security incidents and breaches at the network level to the furtherance of securing the Commission's network infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the NPC's Interim Management Information System Unit (IMISU) proposed the Early Procurement of Firewall (APP Item No. 2023-0009);

WHEREAS, the mode of procurement for APP Item No. 2023-0009 is Competitive Bidding, pursuant to Section 10, Rule IV of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184);

WHEREAS, on 21 November 2022, the Invitation to Bid (ITB) was posted in the PhilGEPS, the NPC websites and the NPC bulletin board. The Bidding Documents were also made available on the same date. Invitations to observers were also sent in accordance with Section 13 of the RIRR of R.A. 9184;

WHEREAS, on 28 November 2022, the NPC-Bids and Awards Committee (NPC-BAC) conducted a pre-bid conference where the NPC-BAC Guidelines on Electronic Submission and Receipt of Bids (Guidelines) and the Bidding Documents were discussed, and clarificatory questions were raised and answered;

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WHEREAS, the NPC-BAC set the deadline for submission of eligibility documents on 12 December 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Instruction on the adoption of the procedure for the electronic submission and receipt of the financial and technical bid documents in accordance with the Guidelines was also provided in the Bidding Documents;

WHEREAS, on 10 December 2022 at 9:06 p.m., Microgenesis Software, Inc. submitted its bid documents;

WHEREAS, on 12 December 2022 at 7:16 a.m., Next Generation Technologies Global, Inc. (NGT Global) submitted its bid documents;

WHEREAS, on 12 December 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the Opening of Bids was conducted and was attended by the prospective bidders. However, the NPC-BAC pursuant to Section 35.1(b) of the RIRR of R.A. 9184 resolved to declare a failure of bidding due to a mismatch in the hash values submitted by the bidders;

WHEREAS, the NPC-BAC conferred with the end-user and informed them of the declaration of failure of bidding and its consequence and endorsed the Bidding Documents for reposting;

WHEREAS, on 16 December 2022, the ITB was reposted in the PhilGEPS, the NPC websites, and the NPC bulletin board. The Bidding Documents were also reposted and made available on the same date. Invitations to observers were also sent in accordance with Section 13 of the RIRR of R.A. 9184:

WHEREAS, on 10 January 2023, the conduct of the Bid Opening was held and again was attended by Next Generation Technologies Global, Inc. and Microgenesis Software, Inc.;

WHEREAS, these submissions were opened in accordance with the Guidelines and were deemed to be eligible bidders based on technical and documentary requirements, and thus were endorsed for bid evaluation;

WHEREAS, on 12 January 2023, the NPC-BAC, with the assistance of the BAC-Technical Working Group (TWG), conducted a bid evaluation in accordance with Section 32 of the RIRR of R.A. 9184;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the BAC-TWG's Bid Evaluation Report, the NPC-BAC determined that the (1) bid submitted is complete; (2) no computational errors were found; and (3) that the suppliers provided all the required items in the Bidding Documents;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above, the NPC-BAC recommended that the bid of Microgenesis be declared as the lowest calculated bid (LCB) and be endorsed for post-qualification in accordance with Rule X – Post-Qualification under Section 34 of the RIRR of R.A. 9184 to determine whether the bidder has complied with and is responsive to all the requirements and conditions as specified in the bidding documents;

WHEREAS, in its Post-Qualification Report dated 20 January 2023, the BAC-TWG stated that the bidder was compliant with both the legal and financial eligibility requirements. However, the BAC-TWG found that Microgenesis Software, Inc. failed to comply with the end-user's technical requirements, particularly that of the Service Level Agreement (SLA). The BAC

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TWG, in said Post-Qualification Report<sup>1</sup> found that "in Service Level Agreement the units of Cisco Catalyst 2960-x is 7 units which is inaccurate to the 12 units stated in end-user's technical specification. The undeclared 5 units will not be covered by Cisco SMARTnet service, technical support and hardware replacement in case devices encounter trouble", and thereby was constrained to declare its failure to pass the post-qualification evaluation marking its bid as not the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid;

WHEREAS, Microgenesis Software, Inc. filed a Motion for Reconsideration dated 2 February 2023<sup>2</sup> in relation to this particular procurement on the ground that the submitted Service Legal Agreement was just a draft, and by implication, any inconsistencies can be subject to discussion and consensus between the parties upon its finalization;

WHEREAS, the NPC-BAC, with the assistance of the BAC-TWG, conducted a detailed evaluation of the Motion for Reconsideration as well as the submissions made by Microgenesis Software, Inc. vis-à-vis the attending circumstances during the NPC-BAC Meeting on 9 February 2023;

WHEREAS, after thorough discussion, the NPC-BAC found merit in the Motion for Reconsideration upon consensus that the one required for submission is indeed a draft, and while consistency of the draft Service Level Agreement with the one required is desired, the submitted draft Service Level Agreement, notwithstanding the inconsistency, may still be admitted and may be subject for discussion and consensus between the parties during finalization, there being no instance that discussion over a Service Legal Agreement between the bidder and procuring entity may be allowed or made possible, let alone finalized, before the award of the contract;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above, Microgenesis Software Inc. is found to be compliant with the eligibility requirements (Legal, Financial, and Technical) under the RIRR of R.A. 9184, and thus passed the post-qualification evaluation;

WHEREAS, said procurement is reflected in the NPC's 2023 National Expenditure Program (NEP), under the NPC CY 2023 Indicative APP with Item No. 2023-0009 with funds available to cover the payment for One (1) Lot Firewall amounting to One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 1,800,000.00) chargeable against ICT Software Subscription Expenses (Operations-MOOE);

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, WE, the members of the NPC BAC hereby RESOLVE, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to **GRANT** the Motion for Reconsideration filed by Microgenesis Software, Inc. and recommend the award of contract to **MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE**, **INC.**, as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid with BAC-approved Abstract of Bids as Read amounting to **One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Pesos (Php 1,358,314.00)** for the procurement of Firewall.

**RESOLVED** this 9th day of February 2023, via combination of on-site and videoconference meeting.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annex "A" - NPC-BAC TWG Post-Qualification Report dated 20 January 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annex "B" - Motion for Reconsideration dated 2 February 2023 filed by Microgenesis

#### ATTEST:



Digitally signed by Milanes Rainier Anthony Mabias

#### ATTY. RAINIER ANTHONY M. MILANES

Vice Chairperson, IMISU, End-User Chief, CMD BAC Member

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Digitally signed by Fabricante Marlon Ruben Natividad

MR. MARLON RUBEN N. FABRICANTE

Chief, ASD BAC Member ر ا ا ا ا ا ا ا

Digitally signed by Espenilla Erwin Dejucos

MR. ERWIN D. ESPENILLA

HEA, OPC BAC Member

> Digitally signed by Mendoza Ma Josefina Eusebio

ATTY. MÁ. JOSEFINA E. MENDOZA

Attorney IV, LD BAC Member

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 by Ivy Grace T.

ATTY. IVY GRACE T. VILLASOTO

Attorney V, PDD BAC Vice Chairperson

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ATTY. MARIA THERESITA E. PATULA

Director IV, LEO BAC Chairperson

APPROVED:

ATTY. JOHN HENRY DU NAGA

Privacy Commissioner

Head of the Procuring Entity

Date: 15 2023



### Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

# BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE - TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (BAC-TWG)

FOR : NPC BAC Secretariat

SUBJECT: Post Qualification Report - Firewall

DATE: 20 January 2023

The NPC-BAC Technical Working Group (TWG) has conducted the post-qualification of the documents submitted by MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE, INC. DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS with a total bid amounting to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN PESOS (PHP1,358,314.00). The post-qualification was conducted pursuant to Republic Act No. 9184, its amended Implementing Rules and Regulations, and the Manual of Procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Services. The Bidder's submitted documents were verified and ascertained by the BAC-TWG through inspection and comparison of the supporting bid documents substantiated by references/details stated in the documents and certificates.

In verifying, validating, and ascertaining the Bidder's statements and submitted documents, the BAC-TWG employed the following means:

- 1. Inspected the original documents and their corresponding certified true copies as submitted by the Bidder and transmitted by the BAC Secretariat;
- 2. Conducted research on relevant publicly available information through the Internet.

#### **Legal Requirements**

The bidder submitted its Certified True Copy of the PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership), which upon inspection, appeared to be valid. Also, per verification with the Government Procurement Policy Board website, the Bidder is not included in the blacklisted entities by the Government Procurement Policy Board, which is available via <a href="https://www.gppb.gov.ph/ConsolidatedBlacklistingReport.php">https://www.gppb.gov.ph/ConsolidatedBlacklistingReport.php</a>.

#### **Technical Requirements**

In verifying and ascertaining the veracity of the documents submitted by the Bidder purportedly proving that the goods and services it offers comply with the requirements of the

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subject procurement, the BAC-TWG conducted an inspection of the submitted documents as presented by the Bidder and as transmitted to the BAC-TWG.

To verify and validate the Bidder's stated competence and experience, the BAC-TWG reviewed their submitted technical documents, finds that in Service Level Agreement the units of Cisco Catalyst 2960-x is 7 units which is inaccurate to the 12 units stated in end-user's technical specification. The undeclared 5 units will not be covered by Cisco SMARTnet service, technical support and hardware replacement in case devices encounter trouble.

The Bid Securing Declaration submitted by the Bidder complies with the latest template provided by the NPC in its Philippine Bidding Documents and signed by **Constancia B. Bautista** on behalf of the Bidder, as authorized by the pertinent Board Resolution evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate.

Likewise, the Technical Specification in the proposal submitted by the Bidder is non-compliant to the end-user's Technical Specification.

#### **Financial Requirements**

The bid price proposal as reflected in the BAC-approved Abstract of Bids as Read is **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN PESOS (PHP1,358,314.00)** and as recomputed by the BAC-TWG is correct and contains no arithmetical error.

Furthermore, as investigated by the BAC-TWG, there appears to be no anomalies in the copy of the latest income tax return as well as the latest business tax returns submitted dated April 12, 2022.

The BAC TWG also computed the bidder's NFCC, pursuant to Section 23.4.1.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of R.A. No. 9184. The NFCC computed was found to be sufficient for the total of the ABCs for all the lots or items participated in by the prospective Bidder.

#### Recommendations

We, the undersigned names, witnessed and inspected the Certified True Copy documents such as the PhilGEPS Registration (Platinum Membership) and other certifications and forms conformed by the Authorized Representative of MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE, INC. DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS.

The BAC Technical Working Group, after verifications and examinations of submitted documents by the Bidder MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE, INC. DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS hereby assessed that the Bidder is compliant with the eligibility requirements (Legal and Financial), under the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Government Procurement Reform Act.

However, the BAC-TWG noted that the technical document titled "Service Level Agreement" submitted by the bidder is not compliant with the end-user's technical requirements.

Hence, the bid submitted by MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE, INC. DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS failed the post-qualification evaluation and is hereby not recommended to be declared as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB).

For the Bids and Awards Committee's consideration.

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ENGR. MCCLOVEN C. QUERUBIN Head, BAC Technical Working Group

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SIMEON I. TOLENTINO JR. Member, BAC Technical Working Group

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**DERICK SEAN A. GUALBERTO** Member, BAC Technical Working Group

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Member, BAC Technical Working Group

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### **REQUEST for RECONSIDERATION**

February 2, 2023

ATTY. MARIA THERESITA E. PATULA
BAC, Chairperson
NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION
East Banquet Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Delegation Building
Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City

Re: Request for Reconsideration

Dear Ma'am,

Greetings!

In response to the "Notice of Post-Qualification Failure" received yesterday via email from NPC-BAC Secretariat, **Microgenesis Software**, **Inc**. doing business under the name and style of **Microgenesis Business Systems**, would like to request for reconsideration in the National Privacy Commission's "Notice of post-qualification failure" for the **Procurement of Firewall** – *Indicative APP Item No. 2023-0009* with the approved budget of **One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pesos** (**Php1,800,000.00**).

The Bids and Awards Committee of the NPC (NPC-BAC) conducted a detailed evaluation of the submitted eligibility documents for the aforementioned procurement item and found that it failed to comply with the end-user's technical requirements, particularly with regard to the document entitled the Service Level Agreement requirements. Thus, the NPC-BAC resolved to declare your submission as ineligible in BAC Resolution No. 008-2023, Series of 2023.

The Service Level Agreement (SLA) submitted as part of the conformity to the technical specifications is just a DRAFT and subject for review, modification/amendment and will be agreed and signed by both parties. Admittedly, this was patterned to your active SLA and subject for amendment to by adding/enrolling the 5units network switches listed in the Technical Specifications which we conformed.

Thank you very much and we look forward for your kind reconsideration to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

**CONSTANCIA B. BAUTISTA** 

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Solution Sales Specialist Authorized Representative

**Microgenesis Business Systems** 



# Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

### **NOTICE OF AWARD**

FEB 2 3 2023

#### MS. CONSTANCIA B. BAUTISTA

Representative Microgenesis Business Systems Unit 1202 Paragon Plaza, 162 EDSA cor. Reliance St., Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

Dear Ms. Bautista,

Please be advised that upon the recommendation of the NPC Bids and Awards Committee, per BAC Resolution No. 014-2023, Series of 2023, the contract for procurement of Firewall amounting to a total of One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Pesos (Php 1,358,314.00) is hereby awarded to Microgenesis Software, Inc., doing business under the name and style of Microgenesis Business Systems, consistent with Republic Act No. 9184 and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. JOHN HENRY D. NAGA

Privacy Commissioner Head of the Procuring Entity

Date: FEB 23 2023

Digitally signed by Medalla Joan Therese Caragay

Conforme:

MS. CONSTANCIA B. BAUTISTA

Representative

Microgenesis Business Systems

Unit 1202 Paragon Plaza,

162 EDSA cor. Reliance St.,

Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

Date: MAR 0 2 2023

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### PURCHASE ORDER NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

**Entity Name** 

Supplier:	MICROGENESIS SOFTWARE, INC. DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF MICROGENESIS BUSINESS SYSTEMS  Unit 1202 Paragon Plaza, 162 Edsa Cor. Reliance St., Mandaluyong City			P.O. No. :	2023- 0 3	-00021
Address :				Date : MAR C 9 2023		
TIN:				Mode of Procure	ement :	Public Bidding
Gentlemen: Please t	furnish this Office	the following articles sub	ject to the terms and	l conditions conta	ained herein:	
Place of Delivery	: NPC OFFICE			Delivery Term :	Delivery shall be co 2023	ompleted on/ or before March 31,
Date of Delivery:	Delivery shall b	e completed on/ or before	March 31, 2023,	Payment Term :	LDDAP-ADA	
Stock/ Property No.	Unit	Descrip	Description		Unit Cost	Amount
	Lot	FIREWALL		1	1,358,314.00	1,358,314.00
	A. License	Specifications: Requirements for Firewall (4 Subscription licenses	)	B. Cisco SMARTnet Service Requirements for Network Components (16 Support Coverage)		
	Item De		Part Number	Item Serial Number No.	Model/Description	Part Number
	No.	MC (Threat + Malware + URL Filtering) Firepower	L-FPR2130T-TMC-1Y	1 FXS2148Q306 2 JAE2141050W	ASR-1001X WS-C4500X-32SF+	CON-SNT-ASR1001X and CON-SNT-SLASR1AM CON-SNT-C45X32SF
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		D. Service Level Agreement shall be in accordance with attached Technical Requirements/ Specifications "Anne		13 1930343359731	WS-C2960X-24PS-L WS-C2960X-24PS-L	CON-SNT-WSC224SL CON-5NT-WSC224SL
	ì	A" Delivery:			WS-C2960X-24PS-L WS-C2960X-24PS-L	CON-SNT-WSC224SL CON-SNT-WSC224SL
		Delivery shall be completed on/ or before March 31, 2023				
		One (1) Year Subscription  Payment:				
		1. Payment shall be processed upon issuance of Scree Capture of the inventory as reflected in Smart Softwa Licensing and Cisco MyDevices Portal and Certifica Acceptance signed by the Inspection and Acceptance Committe and end-user.  2. Payment shall be made through send bill arrangem and shall be processed upon receipt of the Statement Account/Billing statement/invoice issued by the supp				
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delay shall be imp	oosed on the undel		nforming to this Pur	chase Order, the	Service Provider/	Supplier shall proceed with
Contact Mr. Joel Pagtul	ingan Jr. at (02)8234-22	228 local 123 or email at asd@priv	acy.gov.ph for questions de	livery and other concer	ms.	
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