

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Visayas Avenue, Barangay VASRA, Diliman, Quezon City

Bids and Awards Committee

BAC RESOLUTION No. 2025-E-002
Series of 2025

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT TO CONVERGE
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC. ("CONVERGE") FOR
THE PROCUREMENT OF INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION FOR NFA CENTRAL OFFICE (EARLY
PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY)**

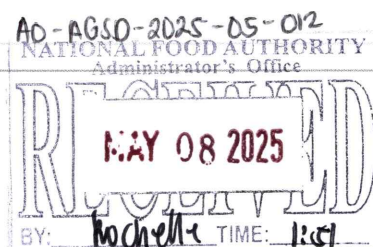
WHEREAS, upon the conduct of bidding and post-qualification of eligible bidders, the Bids and Awards Committee declared the bid of Converge Information and Communication Technology Solutions, Inc. ("CONVERGE") as the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) for the Procurement of Internet Subscription for NFA Central Office (Early Procurement Activity) through BAC Resolution No. 2025-B-002 in the meeting held on 06 February 2025.

WHEREAS, pending the approval of the Information System Strategic Plan (ISSP) of the NFA by the Department of Budget and Management upon review and endorsement of the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), the BAC, in the same meeting, recommended to the Administrator that the award of the contract be deferred pending said approval.

WHEREAS, a Status and Assessment Report was submitted by the End-user for the consideration of the BAC on 23 April 2025 narrating the following:

1. DICT Department Circular No. 001 of 2024 was issued requiring GOCCs, among others, to formulate their respective ISSPs and submit them for the review and evaluation of DICT for its subsequent endorsement to the DBM.
2. Sec. 25 of the General Provision of R.A. No. 12116 or the General Appropriation Act FY 2025 provides that the amounts authorized for ICT requirements shall be used in accordance with the agency's ISSP, subject to compliance with DICT rules and regulations.
3. NFA's ISSP 2025-2027 was submitted for the review and evaluation of the DICT on 20 November 2024. From said submission, NFA regularly followed up with the DICT ISSP Processor on various dates from December 2024 to March 2025. NFA likewise communicated with the DICT on 12 February 2025, requesting for clearance to proceed with the procurement of internet services. However, the DICT ISSP processor responded, providing that the ISSP is still under review.
4. Changes in the management and structure of DICT officials as of March 2025 contributed to uncertainties as to the approval and endorsement of ISSPs currently under their review.
5. Internet access is a crucial component in the day-to-day operation of the agency, which necessarily includes email communications, online transactions, and other IT-related activities that may harshly affect the timely delivery of important government services.

WHEREAS, the bid validity of the LCRB will lapse on 13 May 2025, while the expiration of the 2nd Contract Extension is on 30 June 2025.



WHEREAS, upon due deliberation and consideration of attending circumstances, the Bids and Awards Committee finds that a sound decision would be to proceed with the procurement of Internet Services for the agency to avoid interruptions in the government services and official duties of the agency.

NOW THEREFORE, after careful study on the matter, We, the members of the NFA Bids and Awards Committee, hereby **RESOLVE** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**:

1. To recommend to the Administrator the award of contract to **CONVERGE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC. ("CONVERGE")** for the **Internet Subscription for NFA Central Office (Early Procurement Activity)** at a contract price of **TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT PESOS AND 00/100 (P 2,488,888.00)**.

RESOLVED this 24th day of April 2025.


ROY Q. UNIVEROS
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BAC Chairperson

Approved:


LARRY R. LACSON, Ph.D.
Administrator