INVITATION TO BID FOR SUPPLY OF MAXIMUM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (250,000) MT, 25% BROKENS WELL-MILLED LONG GRAIN WHITE RICE

(Public Bidding No. 2018-05)

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY, through the corporate resources of 2018 intends to apply the total sum Five Billion Eight Hundred Thirty Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP5,833,952,500.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments for each lot under the contract for the Supply of Maximum Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (250,000) MT, 25% Brokens Well-Milled Long Grain White Rice.

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

The National Food Authority now invites bids for the Supply of Maximum Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (250,000) MT, 25% Brokens Well-Milled Long Grain White Rice. Delivery shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Lot	Quantity (in MT) NLT Nov. 30, 2018	Quantity per Discharge Port (in MT)		ABC (in PhP)
1	30,000	Poro Pt., La Union	30,000	700,074,300.00
2	55,000	Subic	55,000	1,283,469,550.00
3	18,000	Batangas	18,000	420,044,580.00
4	15,000	Tabaco	15,000	350,037,150.00
5	14,000	lloilo	10,000	326,701,340.00
		Bacolod	4,000	
6	15,000	Cebu	5,000	350,037,150.00
		Tacloban	10,000	
7	16,000	Zamboanga	6,000	373,372,960.00
		Cagayan de Oro	5,000	
		Surigao	5,000	
8	22,000	Gen. Santos City	14,000	513,387,820.00
		Davao City	8,000	
9	65,000	Manila	65,000	1,516,827,650.00
TOTAL	250,000		250,000	5,833,952,500.00

Bidders should have completed, within five (5) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a nondiscretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

Bidding is open to all interested bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from National Food Authority and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Foreign Operations Division, Grains Marketing Operations Department, 4th floor, NFA Central Office from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be acquired by interested Bidders starting September 28, 2018 until October 17, 2018 (except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and October 18, 2018 at least 30 minutes before the Opening of Bids at the SBAC Secretariat, 3rd floor, NFA Central Office upon payment of the Bidding Documents Fee, in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Pesos (PhP75,000.00) pursuant to the latest Guidelines issued by the GPPB.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the National Food Authority (<u>www.nfa.gov.ph</u>) provided that Bidders shall pay the applicable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The National Food Authority (NFA) will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on October 05, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at Salvador H. Escudero Hall, 4th Floor, National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), No. 4, Visayas Avenue, Barangay Vasra, Quezon City. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend the bid opening. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Bid Openings shall be on October 18, 2018 at 10:00 A.M at Salvador H. Escudero Hall, 4th Floor, National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), No. 4, Visayas Avenue, Barangay Vasra, Quezon City.

Prospective bidders may bid for all or any of the lots. If a bidder chooses to bid for any of the lots, the bid must be the total quantity allocated per lot.

The opening of the bids and awards of the contract to the bidder with the lowest calculated responsive bid shall be on a per lot basis.

Source countries shall be from Omnibus Origin. Rice must be shipped in break bulk. Packing shall be in 50 kg net each in woven polypropylene bags (with a minimum weight of 110 grams per piece) suitable for rice export with NFA markings, designs and specification. Winning bidder/s shall deliver the goods free of obligations and expenses of NFA up to stockpile of the NFA's designated warehouse/s. NFA designated warehouses shall be within 30-km radius from the intended port of discharge.

All bidders are required to submit their offer in US\$/MT, on the basis of Cost Insurance and Freight (CIF), Delivered at Place (DAP) Free on Warehouse (FOW) up to NFAdesignated warehouses. Terms of payment shall be Documents Against Acceptance (D/A) with a tenor of 30 days from receipt by NFA of the complete set of original documents.

All bidders are required to post a bid security equivalent to two percent (2%) of the ABC/lot in the form of irrevocable Stand-by Letter of Credit (L/C) issued by a reputable Universal or Commercial Bank. Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed and authenticated by a reputable Universal or Commercial Bank in Metro Manila, if issued by foreign bank. Expiry date of the Stand-by L/C is forty-five (45) days from date of bidding. All charges for the opening of the Letter of Credit and incidental expenses thereto shall be for the account of the bidder/supplier. Foreign exchange rate shall be at US1.00 = PhP54.50.

Winning bidders shall submit a Performance Security as an obligation under the Condition of the Contract equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Total Awarded Contract Price within five (5) banking days after receipt of the Notice of Award and valid up to sixty (60) days from last day of the last vessel arrival in the form of Irrevocable Stand-by Letter of Credit (L/C) issued by reputable Universal or Commercial Bank to guarantee the faithful performance of their obligations under the contract. Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed and authenticated by a Universal or Commercial Bank in Metro Manila, if issued by foreign bank.

All charges for the opening of the Letter of Credit (L/C) and incidental expenses thereto shall be for the account of the SELLER.

The performance bond shall be denominated in Philippine Peso and posted in favour of the National Food Authority which shall be forfeited in case of default in any of the obligations under this Contract.

All bidders are required to read and comply with the Instruction to Bidders (ITB).

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declares a failure of bidding, or not award the contract in the following situations:

- a. If there is prima facie evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employers of the National Food Authority, or between the Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition;
- b. If the SBAC is found to have failed in following the prescribed bidding procedures; or

c. For any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the Government of the Philippines (GOP), as follows: (i) if the physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially, or technically feasible, as determined by the National Food Authority; (ii) if the project is no longer necessary as determined by the National Food Authority; and (iii) if the source of funds for the project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the National Food Authority.

For further information, please refer to:

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> **(SGD.) ATTY. JUDY CAROL L. DANSAL** Deputy Administrator and Chairperson Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC)