



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila



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BAC Resolution No. 110
Series of 2020

**RECOMMENDING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION
OF 20 MBPS INTERNET LEASED LINE VIA FIBER OPTIC CABLE FOR ONE (1)
YEAR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS BUREAU**

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), through the International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB), requisitioned for the renewal of the contract for the “Subscription of 20 Mbps Internet Leased Line via Fiber Optic Cable for One (1) Year” with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of ₱269,068.00;

WHEREAS, the DOLE Bids and Awards Committee (DOLE - BAC) is guided by Appendix 21 of the Revised IRR of RA 9184 (Guidelines on Procurement of Water, Electricity, Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers) with the following relevant provisions among others:

Item 3.3.1 – Existing Internet Service Provider (ISP)

ISPs provide the initial infrastructure requirements (e.g. cabling) necessary in the provision of internet access. Changing ISPs every year may therefore prove to be costly to government as every new ISP would have to charge the procuring entity for this initial investment. Further, changing ISPs entails interruption of internet access and, thus, any public service dependent on such access, thus:

3.3.1.1 Contractual agreements previously entered into with ISPs shall be respected

3.3.1.2 At the end of each year, however, the procuring entity must assess the quality of service provided by its ISP. For instance, it must compare the cost charged by said ISP and the range of service it offers as against other service providers in the area. It may also consider new technologies that may prove less costly.

In assessing the quality of service provided by its ISP, procuring entities are encouraged to consult the National Telecommunications Commission, or Commission on Information and Communication Technology, or other relevant government agencies regarding any new policy or directive in the implementation or use of new technology.

3.3.1.3 If the results of said assessment or cost-benefit analysis continue to favor the existing ISP, then the procuring entity may simply renew its services. If it does not, then the procuring entity should bid said services in accordance with subsection 3.3.2 of these guidelines.

WHEREAS, the ILAB conducted a market study and comparative analysis of three (3) internet providers, namely: (1) Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. (2) Philippine Telegraph & Telephone Corp., and (3) Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company as shown in the Assessment Report on the Internet Service Subscription of ILAB (the assessment report shall be form part of this resolution);

WHEREAS, Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc., the existing internet provider of ILAB was rated satisfactory by the end-user;


NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, **We**, the members of the DOLE BAC hereby resolves as it is hereby **RESOLVED**:

- a. To recommend approval on the request of ILAB for the renewal of their contract with Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. for the Subscription of 20 Mbps Internet Leased Line via Fiber Optic Cable for One (1) Year; and
- b. To recommend for approval by the DOLE Undersecretary the foregoing findings.

RESOLVED, at the DOLE Main Building, Intramuros, Manila, this 3rd day of November 2020.

DOLE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Recommending approval:


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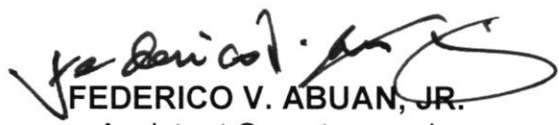
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Approved: 18 NOV 2020