

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



BAC Resolution No. 091
Series of 2021

**RECOMMENDING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE
“SUBSCRIPTION OF 30 MBPS INTERNET LEASED LINE CONNECTION
FOR ONE (1) YEAR THROUGH FIBER OPTIC LINE” FOR THE BUREAU
OF WORKERS WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), through the Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC), requisitioned for the renewal of contract for the project “Subscription of 30 Mbps Internet Leased Line Connection for One (1) Year through Fiber Optic Line” for the Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns with an Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of ₱399,996.00;

WHEREAS, said project is included in the FY 2021 Annual Procurement Plan of the Department;

WHEREAS, BWSC has an existing service contract with Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. which will expire on 5 November 2021;

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 Providers (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 more 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:

3.3.1.2 – 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, based on the submitted Assessment Report on the Internet Service Subscription of BWSC, Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. offered the lowest bid price and provided a satisfactory service to the BWSC. Hence, renewal of its contract remains most advantageous to BWSC;

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

- a. To adopt the recommendation of BWSC to renew its contract with **Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc.** for the project **“Subscription of 30 Mbps Internet Leased Line Connection for One (1) Year through Fiber Optic Line”** for the **Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns** in the amount of **₱399,996.00**; and
- b. To recommend for approval by the DOLE Undersecretary the foregoing findings.

RESOLVED, at the DOLE Main Building, Intramuros, Manila, this 30th day of September 2021.

DOLE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

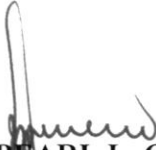
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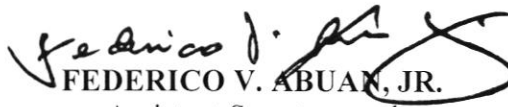
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