

## TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ISO 9001: 2015 CERTIFIED

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## **BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

(CENTRAL OFFICE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-2019** 

## RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MICROBASE INCORPORATED FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS WIRELESS NETWORK EQUIPMENT FOR THE TESDA CENTRAL OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), as mandated by Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, is the body tasked to post invitations to bid, to conduct pre-bid conferences, to determine the eligibility of prospective bidders, to receive and open bids, to conduct the evaluation of bids, to conduct post-qualification and to recommend award of contracts to the Head of the Procuring Entity;

WHEREAS, in view of the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office, the Director General created a Technical Working Group (TWG) that will review and evaluate the prepared Terms of Reference for the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) projects, assess and evaluate the requirements of the ICT projects including the appropriate technology, equipment, technical specifications and costing of the supplies intended for the development of the projects, and assist in the preparation of the documents for bidding. A copy of TESDA Order No. 125, Series of 2018, issued on 19 March 2018 is hereto attached as Annex "A";

WHEREAS, the TESDA Board approved the budget for the contract for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office amounting to Fourteen Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Pesos and 72/100 (Php14,889,614.72) through TESDA Board No. 2018-44 issued on 29 October 2018. A copy of TESDA Board Resolution No. 2018-44 issued on 29 October 2018 is hereto attached as Annex "B";

WHEREAS, the BAC Chairperson created a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office that shall assist the BAC in the review of the technical specifications, scope of work, and terms of reference, review of bidding documents, evaluation of bids, post-qualification and resolution of request for reconsideration. A copy of the BAC Order No. 05, Series of 2018, issued on 20 November 2018 is hereto attached as Annex "C";

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WHEREAS, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) intends to apply the sum of Fourteen Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Pesos and 72/100 (Php14,889,614.72) for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office. A copy of the Terms of Reference (TOR) is hereto attached as Annex "D";

WHEREAS, the BAC upon receipt of the TOR for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office convened on 20 November 2018 at 9:15 a.m. at the CSA Conference Room located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, TESDA Administration Building in Taguig City to conduct a preprocurement conference with the end-user's representative in accordance with Section 20 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is hereto attached as Annex "E";

WHEREAS, the BAC invited several observers registered with PhilGEPS to witness the bidding activities particularly on the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office for purposes of transparency and good governance. Pursuant to Section 13 of Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, the BAC invited several observers to attend the pre-bid conference on 29 November 2018 and the bid opening on 11 December 2018. Copies of the letters to observers are hereto attached as Annexes "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "O" and "P", respectively;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, TESDA advertised the Invitation to Bid for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office in the PhilGEPS on 22 November 2018. A copy of the posting in the PhilGEPS is hereto attached as Annex "Q";

WHEREAS, responding to the abovementioned Invitation to Bid, six (6) prospective bidders signified their interest to participate in said bidding process by purchasing bidding documents namely 1) Insight Systems International Corporation, 2) Ebizolution Inc., 3) Microbase Incorporated, 4) GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation, 5) ePLDT, Inc. and 6) World Solution Technology, Inc. Copies of the official receipt for the purchase of bidding documents are hereto attached as Annexes "R", "S", "T", "U", "V" and "W", respectively:

**WHEREAS**, the pre-bid conference was held on 29 November 2018 at 9:22 A.M. at the CSA Conference Room located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, TESDA Administration Building in Taguig City. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is hereto attached as Annex "X";

WHEREAS, the BAC issued its first bid bulletin to clarify that the proposed solutions for MDF Core Switch, IDF Switch, Access Points (AP) 2x2, AP 3x3 and Firewall must be included in any of the following product review/research in CY 2017 and 2018 namely Gartner Magic Quadrant, International Data Corporation (IDC), Forrester or NSS Labs. A copy of Bid Bulletin No. 01 issued on 29 November 2018 is hereto attached as Annex "Y";

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WHEREAS, in its letter dated 01 December 2018, Insight Systems International Corp. requested for a complete and detailed checklist for the eligibility and technical components of the bid and inquiring for the submission of the supporting documents for the statement of completed contracts, statement of on-going contracts including contracts awarded but not yet started, and the statement of single largest completed contract (SLCC). A copy of the letter dated 01 December 2018 of Insight Systems International Corp. to the BAC is hereto attached as Annex "Z";

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 03 December 2018, the BAC referred Insight Systems International Corp. to the documentary requirements for the eligibility and technical components of the bid found in pages 19 to 20 of the Bidding Documents. Likewise, the statement of all its ongoing government and private contracts, including contracts awarded but not yet started, and the statement of the Bidder's SLCC similar to the contract to be bid shall be submitted in accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) Clause 12.1 (a) (ii) of the Bidding Documents. A copy of the letter dated 03 December 2018 of the BAC to Insight Systems International Corp. is hereto attached as Annex "AA":

WHEREAS, in its electronic mail dated 03 December 2018, NTEK Systems Inc. requested for a pre-evaluation of its government project in Cabuyao, Laguna whether or not it was similar to the contract to be bid since most of the equipment they delivered were wireless access points with main distribution and centralized control systems before said bidder will be proceeding with their bid. A copy of the letter dated 01 December 2018 of NTEK Systems Inc. to the BAC is hereto attached as Annex "BB";

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 03 December 2018, the BAC clarified that the query of NTEK Systems Inc. will be best answered during post-qualification and to address such concern was too premature considering that the bid opening has yet to happen. A copy of the letter dated 03 December 2018 of the BAC to NTEK Systems Inc. is hereto attached as Annex "CC";

**WHEREAS**, the bid opening was held on 11 December 2018 at 9:15 a.m. at the CSA Conference Room located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, TESDA Administration Building in Taguig City. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is hereto attached as Annex "DD";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30.1 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, the BAC shall check the submitted documents of each bidder against a checklist of required documents to ascertain if they are all present, using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion. If a bidder submits the required document, it shall be rated "passed" for that particular requirement. In this regard, bids that fail to include any requirement or are incomplete or patently insufficient shall be considered as "failed." Otherwise, the BAC shall rate the said first bid envelope as "passed";

WHEREAS, GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation, Microbase Incorporated, Insight Systems International Corporation, Ebizolution Inc., ePLDT, Inc. and World Solution Technology, Inc. passed the eligibility requirements pursuant to Sections 23 and 25 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. A copy of the Eligibility Requirements Checklist and Abstract of Bids are hereto attached as Annexes "EE" and "FF", respectively;

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WHEREAS, the BAC shall evaluate the financial component of the bids to determine the Lowest Calculated Bid using the steps pursuant to Section 32.2 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. A copy of the bid evaluation report is hereto attached as Annex "GG";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.2 of the 2016 RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, a Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid dated 14 December 2018 was issued to ePLDT, Inc. since its bid offer amounting to Eight Million Pesos (Php8,000,000.00) is the Lowest Calculated Bid. Said bidder has to submit the documents stated in the ITB Clause 29.2 of the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Documents in certified as true copy/ies from the original by the authorized representative for purposes of post-qualification within five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that the bidder is the Lowest Calculated Bid. A copy of the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid issued to ePLDT, Inc. on 14 December 2018 is hereto attached as Annex "HH":

WHEREAS, ePLDT, Inc. submitted the documentary requirements stated in the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid on19 December 2018;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 34.3 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, the post-qualification shall verify, validate, and ascertain all statements made and documents submitted by the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents. These criteria shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the legal requirements, technical requirements and the financial requirements;

WHEREAS, the TWG in its report found the bid offered by ePLDT, Inc. to be not compliant with the requirements set forth by the agency pursuant to Section 34 of Rule X (Post-Qualification) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. Said bidder failed to comply with the format of the Omnibus Sworn Statement, the technical specifications of the Access Points (AP) (3x3), Structured Cabling (Backbone Cabling) and Structured Cabling (Horizontal Cabling), and the submission of the clearances/certifications issued by Social Security System (SSS) within three (3) months from the date of the bid opening. A copy of the TWG report is hereto attached as Annex "II";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.5 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, if the BAC determines that the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid fails the criteria for post-qualification, it shall immediately notify the said bidder in writing of its post-disqualification and the grounds for it;

WHEREAS, the BAC in its letter dated 07 January 2019 notified ePLDT, Inc. of its post-disqualification and the grounds for it. A copy of the letter dated 07 January 2019 to ePLDT, Inc. is hereto attached as Annex "JJ";

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55.1 of Rule XVII (Protest Mechanism) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, ePLDT, Inc. had been given three (3) calendar days from 09 January 2019 or until 12 January 2019 within which to file its request for reconsideration:

WHEREAS, ePLDT, Inc. filed its request for reconsideration on 11 January 2019. Said bidder admitted that the omission of the statement in the Omnibus Sworn Statement was due to a clerical error. Likewise, ePLDT, Inc. will be complying with the technical specifications of TESDA for the Access Points (AP) (3x3), Structured Cabling (Backbone Cabling) and Structured Cabling (Horizontal Cabling) at no cost to the government. Lastly, said bidder applied for the issuance of the clearance issued by the SSS which will be submitted once released by SSS. A copy of the letter of ePLDT, Inc. to the BAC dated 11 January 2019 is hereto attached as Annex "KK";

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 15 January 2019, the BAC denied the request for reconsideration of ePLDT, Inc. stating that the failure of ePLDT, Inc. to comply with the format of the Omnibus Sworn Statement prescribed in Section VIII (Bidding Forms) is a ground for post-disqualification since such form as mentioned in ITB Clause 19.1 must be completed without any alterations to their format and no substitute form shall be accepted. Likewise, the failure of ePLDT, Inc. to comply with the technical specifications of TESDA for the Access Points (AP) (3x3), Structured Cabling (Backbone Cabling) and Structured Cabling (Horizontal Cabling) as stated in its Bidding Documents form part of its bid offer which cannot be resolved through the compliance of the bidder with the agency requirements which will not entail additional cost to TESDA. To do so will totally modify the bid offer of ePLDT, Inc. which the BAC cannot allow. Further, the bidder shall not be allowed to submit additional documents to correct any defects in the bid submitted pursuant to Section 55.1 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. Lastly, the requirement on the submission of the clearance issued by SSS within three (3) months from the date of the bid opening is part of the documents to be submitted by the bidder during post-qualification as prescribed in the Bidding Documents and Section 34.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184. As early as 22 November 2018, when the Bidding Documents for the abovementioned project were posted in the website of the PhilGEPS, said documentary requirements of TESDA were already listed in the said Bidding Documents. As such, said bidder should have already known the requirements of TESDA as early as 22 November 2018 and have started the processing of the required clearance/certification. A copy of the letter dated 15 January 2019 of the BAC to ePLDT, Inc. is hereto attached as Annex "LL";

WHEREAS, the letter of the BAC dated 15 January 2019 was received by ePLDT, Inc. on 17 January 2019. Said bidder had been given seven (7) calendar days from 17 January 2019 or until 24 January 2019 within which to file its request for reconsideration pursuant to Section 55.3 of Rule XVII (Protest Mechanism) of the 2016 RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184 and the period within which to file a protest had already lapsed without the bidder having filed any protest pursuant to said law;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.6 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, immediately after the BAC has notified the first bidder of its post-disqualification, and notwithstanding any pending request for reconsideration thereof, the BAC shall initiate and complete the same post-qualification process on the bidder with the second Lowest Calculated Bid. If the second bidder passes the post-qualification, and provided that the request for reconsideration of the first bidder has been denied, the second bidder shall be post-qualified as the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid (LCRB);

WHEREAS, GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation had been declared as the next Lowest Calculated Bidder since its bid offer amounting to Ten Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php10,986,850.00) is the next lowest bid offer after ePLDT, Inc. had been post-disqualified through the issuance of the Notice of Post-Disqualification dated 07 January 2019;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.2 of the 2016 RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, a Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid dated 08 January 2019 was issued to GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation. Said bidder has to submit the documents stated in the ITB Clause 29.2 of the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Documents in certified as true copy/ies from the original by the authorized representative for purposes of post-qualification within five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that the bidder is the Lowest Calculated Bid. A copy of the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid issued to GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation on 08 January 2019 is hereto attached as Annex "MM":

WHEREAS, GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation submitted the documentary requirements stated in the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid on 11 January 2019;

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 11 January 2019, GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation requested for extension of time within which to submit the clearances issued by National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Pag-IBIG Fund, Social Security System (SSS) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth). Specifically, the request is asking for consideration since said clearances cannot be submitted within the deadline upon receipt of the Notice of Second Lowest Calculated Bid of said bidder. A copy of the letter dated 11 January 2019 of GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation to the BAC is hereto attached as Annex "NN";

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WHEREAS, in its letter dated 16 January 2019, the BAC clarified that it cannot extend the deadline of the submission of the clearances issued by NLRC, DOLE, Pag-IBIG Fund, SSS and PhilHealth. As early as 22 November 2018, when the Invitation to Bid for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office including its Bidding Documents were posted in the website of the PhilGEPS, the documents to be submitted for purposes of post-qualification were already listed in the said Bidding Documents. As such, GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation should already know the requirements of TESDA as early as 22 November 2018 and have started the processing of the required clearances. A copy of the letter dated 16 January 2019 of the BAC to GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation is hereto attached as Annex "OO"

WHEREAS, pursuant to 34.3 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, the post-qualification shall verify, validate, and ascertain all statements made and documents submitted by the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents. These criteria shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the legal requirements, technical requirements and the financial requirements;

WHEREAS, the TWG in its report found the bid offered by GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation to be not compliant with the requirements set forth by the agency pursuant to Section 34 of Rule X (Post-Qualification) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. Said bidder failed to comply with the format of the Omnibus Sworn Statement, the submission of the latest Income Tax Returns for taxable year 2017 (BIR Form 1702) and the submission of the NLRC, DOLE, Pag-IBIG Fund, SSS and PhilHealth within three (3) months from the date of the bid opening. Likewise, Macrologic Diversified Technologies, Inc. failed to submit clearances/certifications issued by NLRC, Pag-IBIG Fund, SSS and PhilHealth within three (3) months from the date of the bid opening. A copy of the TWG report is hereto attached as Annex "PP";

WHEREAS, the BAC in its letter dated 28 January 2019 notified GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation of its post-disqualification and the grounds for it. A copy of the letter dated 28 January 2019 to GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation is hereto attached as Annex "QQ";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55.1 of Rule XVII (Protest Mechanism) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation had been given three (3) calendar days from 28 January 2019 or until 31 January 2019 within which to file its request for reconsideration. However, the period to file such request for reconsideration had lapsed and the BAC did not receive any request for reconsideration from GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.7 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, if the second bidder, however, fails the post-qualification, the procedure for post-qualification shall be repeated for the bidder with the next Lowest Calculated Bid, and so on until the LCRB, as the case may be, is determined for award, subject to Section 37 of this IRR;

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WHEREAS, Ebizolution Inc. had been declared as the next Lowest Calculated Bidder since its bid offer amounting to Eleven Million One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php11,192,500.00) is the next lowest bid offer after GOCOM Systems and Solutions Corporation had been post-disqualified through the issuance of the Notice of Post-Disqualification dated 28 January 2019;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.2 of the 2016 RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, a Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid dated 29 January 2019 was issued to Ebizolution Inc. Said bidder has to submit the documents stated in the ITB Clause 29.2 of the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Documents in certified as true copy/ies from the original by the authorized representative for purposes of post-qualification within five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that the bidder is the Lowest Calculated Bid. A copy of the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid issued to Ebizolution Inc. on 29 January 2019 is hereto attached as Annex "RR";

**WHEREAS**, Ebizolution Inc. submitted the documentary requirements stated in the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid on 04 February 2019;

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 01 February 2019, Ebizolution Inc. requested for extension of time within which to submit the clearances issued by SSS, Pag-IBIG Fund and PhilHealth. A copy of the letter dated 01 February 2019 of Ebizolution Inc. to the BAC is hereto attached as Annex "SS";

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 07 February 2019, the BAC clarified that it cannot extend the deadline of the submission of the clearances issued by SSS, Pag-IBIG Fund and PhilHealth. As early as 22 November 2018, when the Invitation to Bid for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office including its Bidding Documents were posted in the website of the PhilGEPS, the documents to be submitted for purposes of post-qualification were already listed in the said Bidding Documents. As such, Ebizolution Inc. should already know the requirements of TESDA as early as 22 November 2018 and have started the processing of the required clearances. A copy of the letter dated 07 February 2019 of the BAC to Ebizolution Inc. is hereto attached as Annex "TT"

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 12 February 2019, Ebizolution Inc. requested for reconsideration on the decision of the BAC denying the request for extension of time of said bidder within which to submit the clearances/certifications issued by SSS, Pag-IBIG Fund and PhilHealth as they have requested for the updated clearances/certifications from said offices. A copy of the letter of Ebizolution Inc. dated 12 February 2019 is hereto attached as Annex "UU";

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 15 February 2019, the BAC reiterated its stand by referring to its letter dated 07 February 2019. Likewise, the BAC emphasized that Ebizolution Inc. shall not be allowed to submit additional documents to correct any defects in the bid submitted pursuant to Section 55.1 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184. A copy of the letter dated 15 February 2019 of the BAC to Ebizolution Inc. is hereto attached as Annex "VV";

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WHEREAS, pursuant to 34.3 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, the post-qualification shall verify, validate, and ascertain all statements made and documents submitted by the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents. These criteria shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the legal requirements, technical requirements and the financial requirements;

WHEREAS, the TWG in its report found the bid offered by Ebizolution Inc. to be not compliant with the requirements set forth by the agency pursuant to Section 34 of Rule X (Post-Qualification) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. Said bidder failed to comply with the technical specifications of TESDA for the Access Points (AP) (3x3) and UPS. Likewise, Ebizolution Inc. failed to submit clearances from DOLE, Pag-IBIG Fund, SSS and PhilHealth within three (3) months from the date of the bid opening. A copy of the TWG report is hereto attached as Annex "WW";

WHEREAS, the BAC in its letter dated 19 February 2019 notified Ebizolution Inc. of its post-disqualification and the grounds for it. A copy of the letter dated 19 February 2019 to Ebizolution Inc. is hereto attached as Annex "XX";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55.1 of Rule XVII (Protest Mechanism) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, Ebizolution Inc. had been given three (3) calendar days from 21 February 2019 or until 24 February 2019 within which to file its request for reconsideration. However, the period to file such request for reconsideration had lapsed and the BAC did not receive any request for reconsideration from Ebizolution Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 34.7 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, if the second bidder, however, fails the post-qualification, the procedure for post-qualification shall be repeated for the bidder with the next Lowest Calculated Bid, and so on until the LCRB, as the case may be, is determined for award, subject to Section 37 of this IRR:

WHEREAS, Microbase Incorporated had been declared as the next Lowest Calculated Bidder since its bid offer amounting to Twelve Million Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Pesos (Php12,479,580.00) is the next lowest bid offer after Ebizolution, Inc. had been post-disqualified through the issuance of the Notice of Post-Disqualification dated 19 February 2019;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.2 of the 2016 RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, a Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid dated 21 February 2019 was issued to Microbase Incorporated. Said bidder has to submit the documents stated in the ITB Clause 29.2 of the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Documents in certified as true copy/ies from the original by the authorized representative for purposes of post-qualification within five (5) calendar days from receipt by the bidder of the notice from the BAC that the bidder is the Lowest Calculated Bid. A copy of the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid issued to Microbase Incorporated on 21 February 2019 is hereto attached as Annex "YY":

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WHEREAS, Microbase Incorporated submitted the documentary requirements stated in the Notice of Lowest Calculated Bid on 27 February 2019;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 34.3 of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184, the post-qualification shall verify, validate, and ascertain all statements made and documents submitted by the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid, using non-discretionary criteria, as stated in the Bidding Documents. These criteria shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the legal requirements, technical requirements and the financial requirements;

WHEREAS, upon careful examination, validation and verification of all the technical and financial proposals submitted by Microbase Incorporated, the TWG in its report found the bid offered by Microbase Incorporated to be compliant with the legal, technical and financial requirements set forth by the agency pursuant to Section 34 of Rule X (Post-Qualification) of the RIRR of Republic Act No. 9184. A copy of the TWG report is hereto attached as Annex "ZZ";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.4 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, if the BAC determines that the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid passes all the criteria for post-qualification, it shall declare the said bid as the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid, and recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity the award of contract to the said bidder at its submitted bid price;

WHEREAS, Microbase Incorporated met all the eligibility requirements prescribed by the agency and its bid had been found to be responsive to the bidding requirements. Hence, the BAC finds the bid of Microbase Incorporated to be the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to recommend the award of the contract to Microbase Incorporated as the bidder with a Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Various Wireless Network Equipment for the TESDA Central Office in the total amount of Twelve Million Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Pesos (Php12,479,580.00) subject to procurement law and government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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