



Republic of the Philippines  
NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE  
BAC Resolution No. 024-2022, Series of 2022

RECOMMENDING THE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR  
AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER (APP ITEM NO. 2022-0030)

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**WHEREAS**, the National Privacy Commission (NPC), is the agency mandated to enforce data privacy protection;

**WHEREAS**, in order to be able to effectively perform its mandate, NPC should have a reliable internet service/subscription provider (ISP);

**WHEREAS**, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) has issued Resolution No. 019-2006 adopting the guidelines on the procurement of water, electricity, telecommunications and internet service providers;

**WHEREAS**, GPPB Resolution No. 019-2006 recognizes that changing ISPs yearly may prove to be more costly to the government with the ISPs charging the government for its initial investments in infrastructure requirements. Further, changing ISPs entails interruption of internet access and, thus, any public service dependent on such access could likewise be interrupted;

**WHEREAS**, in order to save on the costs, the GPPB allows the renewal of ISP provided that the Procuring Entity must first assess the quality of services provided by its current supplier, compare the cost charged and the range of services it offers as against other service providers in the area;

**WHEREAS**, upon review and evaluation by the NPC Bids and Awards Committee (NPC-BAC), the current service provider continues to display acceptable quality of service and has not committed any violation of the contract as evidenced by the Certificate of Acceptance issued by the end-user herein attached as Annex "A". Further, the Assessment/Cost Benefit Analysis and Market Study prepared by the end-user, herein attached as Annex "B" and "C", showed that it is more advantageous for the NPC to renew its contract with the current provider than engage the service of a new one;

**WHEREAS**, for efficiency and economy, GPPB Resolution No. 41-2017 further allows the expansion or reduction of the services provided by the existing service provider during contract renewal, subject to the need of the Procuring Entity and the best way by which such need may be addressed and satisfied, subject to existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules;

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**WHEREAS**, the current 70Mbps subscription of the NPC has been overutilized, which has resulted to slow and/or intermittent connection, especially during on-site hybrid online meetings and webinars by many NPC user-employees;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of GPPB Resolution No. 19-2006, as amended by GPPB Resolution 41-2017, and in order to ensure efficient delivery of public service, the management of NPC saw it fit to renew the contract, with an increase in bandwidth from 70Mbps to 200Mbps, with its current internet service provider, *Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc.*, and with the renewed contract commencing from 1 May 2022 until 31 December 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, WE, the members of the NPC Bids and Awards Committee (NPC-BAC), hereby **RESOLVE**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend the renewal of the contract with *Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc.*, as the NPC's internet service provider from 1 May 2022 to 31 December 2022 for **Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight 88/100 Pesos (Php 888,888.88)**, subject to the execution of a new contract and compliance to all relevant provisions of R.A. 9184 and its IRR;


**RESOLVED** this 26 April 2022 via combination of on-site and videoconference meeting.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Approved:**

  
**ATTY. JOHN HENRY D. NAGA**  
Privacy Commissioner  
Head of the Procuring Entity  
Date: APR 27 2022

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NOTICE OF AWARD

APR 27 2022

**PRINCESS JOSEFA N. MARCELO**

**Authorized Representative**

Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc.  
New Street Bldg., MacArthur Highway,  
Balibago, Angeles City, Pampanga

**Dear Ms. Marcelo,**

Please be advised that upon the recommendation of the NPC Bids and Awards Committee, per BAC Resolution No. 024-2022, series of 2022, the contract for the procurement of an internet service/subscription provider amounting to Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Pesos 88/100 Pesos (Php 888,888.88), VAT inclusive, for a contract period of eight (8) months, is awarded to Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc., consistent with Republic Act No. 9184 and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Very truly yours,

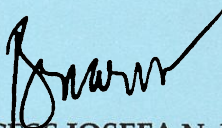
  
**ATTY. JOHN HENRY D. NAGA**

*Privacy Commissioner*

*Head of the Procuring Entity*

Date: APR 27 2022

Conforme:



**PRINCESS JOSEFA N. MARCELO**

**Authorized Representative**

Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc.

Date: April 29, 2022

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