



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA
Procurement Office

**GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS USING ONLINE PLATFORMS
(SUCH AS VIDEO CONFERENCING, ZOOM, ETC)**

Background and General Principle

Article III, Section 8 of RA 9184 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provides that “to promote transparency and efficiency, information and communications technology shall be utilized in the conduct of procurement procedure.”

The Government Procurement Policy Board through its Technical Support Office (TSO) continuously strived for the development of various on-line systems such as PhilGEPS which serves as the primary source of information on all government procurement. Procurement of common-used supplies and equipment can now be done at the Virtual Store of the Procurement Service. Recently, the development of online training platform was hastened due to the physical restrictions brought about by the community quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Development of the online system for the submission of bids is ongoing. However, also due to the pandemic, the GPPB-TSO encouraged procuring agencies to develop their own system but in accordance with the guidelines issued by GPPB-TSO to ensure security, integrity and confidentiality of bid documents submitted.

The conduct of meetings with prospective bidders including prebid conference and opening of bids may now be conducted in person or face-to-face through videoconferencing, webcasting or similar technology with the interested suppliers, contractors and consultants.

In UP Manila, specifically the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC1, BAC2 and BAC3) meetings shall be conducted “face to face” using the online platforms. The manner of holding BAC meetings should be announced and described in the Invitation to Bid at the onset of the procurement activities. It should clearly define the guidelines or procedures to be observed by the prospective bidders and other interested contractors, suppliers, or consultants, as follows:

- a. Using the attached Quick Fact Sheet, prospective bidders shall inform the concerned BAC Secretariat of their interest to participate in the prebid conference and opening of bids by sending the name/s of their authorized representative/s and their corresponding email address/es at least, the day before the meeting, to the following email addresses:
BAC 2 : upm-bac2-secretariat@up.edu.ph
BAC 3 : upm-bac3-secretariat@up.edu.ph
- b. The zoom link which shall be provided by the BAC Secretariat to those who signified their intention to attend at least one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the meeting. Only those whose names were submitted to the Secretariat will be allowed access to the meeting room. Zoom link should not be shared to other people.
- c. The prospective bidders/suppliers shall stay initially at the zoom waiting room until the discussion of the item where they intend to participate starts. The host of the meeting from the BAC Secretariat will then let them in to the meeting room just before the discussion of the specific matter they intend to participate.
- d. During discussion, participants shall be requested to put their audio/microphones in “mute” mode, and shall unmute only upon raising their hands and have been given by the presiding officer the permission to speak.
- e. Participants shall open their camera when speaking for proper recognition.
- f. After discussion, all prospective bidders/suppliers for a particular project will courteously be requested to leave the meeting.
- g. Attendance to the zoom meeting should be documented. Likewise, the proceedings/minutes of the meeting should be recorded.



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QUICK FACT SHEET OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

PROJECT TITLE: _____

PURCHASE REQUEST NO. _____

BIDDER'S OFFICIAL BUSINESS NAME _____

COMPLETE BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

OFFICIAL CONTACT DETAILS:

Landline: _____

Cellphone No. _____

Email Address: _____

NAME OF AUTHORIZED/DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION IN THE COMPANY: _____

Certified true and correct:

Signature over Printed Name

Designation in the Company

NOTES:

1. Information provided in this fact sheet should be consistent with the details contained in the bidder's legal documents.
2. The certifying officer should be at least the Corporate Secretary who shall execute the Secretary's Certificate of signing authority.
3. A filled-up copy of this sheet shall be sent to the BAC Secretariat when requesting zoom link. Another copy should be placed on top of the original copy of legal documents/eligibility requirements (Envelope 1) of bid documents.

Issued by:

BAC 2/3 Secretariat

Date: _____