

BPA POSTING NOTICE SRP38016A0093

We intend to establish a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for the future purchases of repair and maintenance materials including janitorial and gardening supplies.

The Embassy estimates that the volume of purchases through this BPA will be P 5,000,000.00. The Embassy is not obligated to purchase any definite amount under this BPA. The amount of any one purchase will not exceed P160, 000.00.

The U.S. Government is exempt from paying the ad valorem/specific tax, custom and duties imposed by the Philippine Government under Section 106(a) and 109 of the Tax Code of 1997, respectively. Thus, price(s) shall be billed to the U.S. Government net of ad valorem tax, value added tax, customs and duties.

Payment shall be made via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) within 30 days from receipt of the original and correct summary invoice. A summary invoice shall be submitted at least monthly or upon expiration of BPA, whichever occurs first, for all deliveries made during a billing period. The invoice shall identify the call orders/delivery tickets covered therein, stating the total value, and supported by recent copies of the call orders/delivery tickets.

The U.S. Government intends to award BPAs to those firms that are technically acceptable, responsible, and clearly intend to sell products or services to the U.S. Government at market prices or below. The Contracting Officer will determine technical acceptability by ensuring that the firm is able to comply with the terms of this BPA. Responsibility will be based on requirements of FAR 9.1.

BPA will expire on December 31, 2016.

For any questions or concerns regarding the BPA, please contact Jackie Kho at 301-2737 or via e-mail at KhoJD@state.gov

Note: As a current or prospective Embassy contractor/vendor, your company is **REQUIRED** to register in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. Refer to site for details on the registration process: www.sam.gov

Posting valid until **May 16, 2016**

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SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

Instructions to Offeror. Each offer must consist of the following:

FAR 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (APR 2014), is incorporated by reference (see SF-1449, Block 27A)

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

Summary of Instructions. Each offer must consist of the following:

1. Information demonstrating the offeror's ability to perform, including:
 - (1) Name of a Point of Contact (or other liaison to the U.S. Embassy/Consulate) who understands written and spoken English;
 - (2) Evidence that the offeror operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
2. List of clients over the past three (3) years, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references (provide dates of contracts, places of performance, value of contracts, contact names, telephone and fax numbers and email addresses). If the offeror has not performed comparable services in Philippines then the offeror shall provide its international experience. Offerors are advised that the past performance information requested above may be discussed with the client's contact person. In addition, the client's contact person may be asked to comment on the offeror's:
 - Quality of services provided under the contract;
 - Compliance with contract terms and conditions;
 - Effectiveness of management;
 - Willingness to cooperate with and assist the customer in routine matters, and when confronted by unexpected difficulties; and
 - Business integrity / business conduct.

The Government will use past performance information primarily to assess an offeror's capability to meet the solicitation performance requirements, including the relevance and successful performance of the offeror's work experience. The Government may also use this data to evaluate the credibility of the offeror's proposal. In addition, the Contracting Officer may use past performance information in making a determination of responsibility.

3. Evidence that the offeror can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
4. The offeror shall address its plan to obtain all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2). If offeror already possesses the locally required licenses and permits, a copy shall be provided.
 - Documents including, but not limited to:
 - Company Profile
 - SEC Registration / Articles of Incorporation
 - DTI Business Registration
 - BIR Certificate of Registration
 - Municipal License / Mayor's Permit
 - VAT Registration
 - TIN Certificate

ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at:

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/vffara.htm>.

These addresses are subject to change. If the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an internet "search engine" (for example, Google, Yahoo, Excite) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation solicitation provisions are incorporated by reference:

PROVISION TITLE AND DATE

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| 52.204-7 | SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (JUL 2013) |
| 52.204-16 | COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY CODE REPORTING (NOV 2014) |
| 52.214-34 | SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (APR 1991) |
| 52.225-25 | PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN—REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATIONS (DEC 2012) |

The following DOSAR provision(s) is/are provided in full text:

652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999) (DEVIATION)

- (a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting office for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1696, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to:

Competition Advocate
U.S. Department of State
A/OPE
SA-15, Room 1060
Washington, DC 20522-1510

- (b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the pre-award and post-award phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the Contracting Officer, the

Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, Ms. Joni Scandola at +632 301 2000. For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1696, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to:

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Quick Start Guide For New Foreign Registrations

Helpful Information

SAM is the official **free, government-operated website** – there is NO charge to register or maintain your entity registration record in SAM.

What is an Entity?

In SAM, your company / business / organization is referred to as an "Entity." You register your entity to do business with the U.S. Federal government by completing the registration process in SAM.

What do I need to get started?

1. **DUNS Number:** You need a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to register your entity in SAM. DUNS numbers are unique for each physical location you want to register.
2. **NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) Code:** Foreign entities must obtain a NCAGE code for each DUNS number they plan to register in SAM before you start the registration process.

How do I get a DUNS number?

If you do not have one, you can request a DUNS number for **free** to do business with the U.S. Federal government by visiting Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

It takes up to 5 business days to obtain an international DUNS number.

How do I get an NCAGE code?

For instructions on obtaining a NCAGE, visit: http://www.dliss.dla.mil/Forms/Form_AC135.asp Make sure the name and address information you provide to get your NCAGE code is the same as what you used to get your DUNS number. It takes up to 3 business days to obtain a NCAGE code.

What about a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)?

You only need a TIN if your entity pays U.S. taxes. If you are a foreign entity that does not pay taxes in the U.S., do not enter a number in the TIN field during registration.

Steps for Registering

1. Type www.sam.gov in your Internet browser address bar.
2. Create a SAM Individual User Account (be sure to validate your e-mail address to activate the user account), then Login.
3. Select "Register New Entity" under "Register/Update Entity" on your "My SAM" page.
4. Select your type of Entity, most likely "Business or Organization." Definitions are in the Content Glossary on the right side of the page.
5. Tell the system why you are registering in SAM. This determines what information you have to provide.
 - Are you interested in bidding on Federal contracts? If you say "Yes," you will complete all four sections in SAM.
 - Are you just interested in becoming eligible to apply for grants or other Federal financial assistance? If you say "No" to the contracts question and "Yes" to the grants question, you will only have to complete the grant-related information.
6. Complete your registration. On each page, required information that you must provide has a red asterisk (*) next to the name of the field. Here are a few helpful hints:
 - On the Business Information page, you will create a Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN). Write your MPIN down. It is used as a password in other government systems.
 - If you do not pay U.S. taxes, do not enter a TIN or select a TIN type. Leave those fields blank.
 - Only use the NCAGE code you got for your DUNS number. Remember, the name and address information must match on the DUNS and NCAGE records.
 - Make sure to select "Foreign Owned and Located" on the General Information page.
 - As a foreign entity, you do not need to provide Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) banking information on the Financial Information page. If you do choose to provide this electronic banking information, it must be for a U.S. bank: SAM cannot accept foreign banking information. The remittance name and address are the only mandatory information for you on this page.
 - In the "Points of Contact" section, list the names of people in your organization who know about this registration in SAM and why you want to do business with the U.S. Federal government. These are called "Points of Contact" or POCs.
7. Make sure to hit [Submit] after your final review. You will get a *Congratulations* message on the screen. If you do not see this message, you did not submit your registration. What happens next?
 - Once approved by the IRS (if you entered a TIN) and the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) system, you will get an email from SAM.gov when your entity registration is active.

Please give yourself plenty of time before your contract or grant application deadline. Allow up to 10 business days after you submit before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for other systems such as Grants.gov to recognize your information.

For help registering in SAM, contact the supporting Federal Service Desk (FSD) at <https://www.fsd.gov/>

