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SBAC Resolution Declaring Failure of Bidding for the “Consulting Services for Technical Assistance (TA) for the Implementation of Aqua-Industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) in FMA 6 and 9”

WHEREAS, the Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency Project - National Project Management Office (FishCoRe NPMO) through its Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) advertised the Request for Expressions of Interest dated 31 May 2025 for the above-stated procurement project and posted at the websites of the *Philippine Government Electronic Procurement Service* (PhilGEPS) with Reference No. 12087259, *Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency Project* (FishCoRe) (<https://fishcore.bfar.da.gov.ph>), *Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement* (STEP), and in conspicuous places within the FishCoRe premises for *one (1) month*, and was extended until July 7, 2025;

WHEREAS, for this procurement project, the Consultant’s Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method was adopted, as prescribed in the Request for Proposals (RFP), in accordance with the World Bank’s *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers* dated September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), accessible through the World Bank website: www.worldbank.org;

WHEREAS, the SBAC Secretariat received seven (7) Expressions of Interest from the following firms:

1. Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI);
2. Tetra Tech;
3. Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA);
4. Ginger Sofreco;
5. CH Group;
6. Aninver Development Partners S.L.; and
7. Global Agrisystem Pvt Ltd (GAPL)

WHEREAS, on 9 July 2025, the SBAC Secretariat endorsed the received Expressions of Interest to the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the purpose of shortlisting and selecting the firm with the best qualifications and relevant experience, and for recommending the firm to be invited to submit its Technical and Financial Proposals for negotiation;

WHEREAS, on 11 August 2025, the Technical Working Group (TWG) submitted its Technical Evaluation Report to the SBAC. On 12 August 2025, the SBAC uploaded the TWG Evaluation Report to the STEP for World Bank clearance;

- WHEREAS,** on 17 September 2025, the Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to the Highest Rated Firm, Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI), with a submission deadline of 25 September 2025;
- WHEREAS,** on 22 September 2025, Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI) requested background documents not available on the FishCoRe website, as well as the conduct of a bidding conference and the postponement of the submission of proposals, which request for extension was granted;
- WHEREAS,** the Pre-Proposal Conference was initially scheduled on 5 November 2025, rescheduled to 7 November 2025, and subsequently cancelled upon the instruction of the TWG Chairperson to proceed directly with the submission of Technical and Financial Proposals, with BTI being informed that the submission and opening of proposals would be on 17 November 2025 at 1:00 PM;
- WHEREAS,** Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI) submitted its Technical and Financial Proposals beyond the prescribed deadline;
- WHEREAS,** on 21 November 2025, the SBAC instructed the SBAC Secretariat to invite the second Highest Rated Firm, Tetra Tech, to submit its Technical and Financial Proposals not later than 28 November 2025 at 11:00 AM, and granted a seven (7)-day extension as requested by the firm, which was approved by the End-User;
- WHEREAS,** on 2 December 2025, the SBAC Secretariat received an email from Tetra Tech informing that it would no longer proceed with the submission of its Technical and Financial Proposals;
- WHEREAS,** upon the advice of the World Bank, the SBAC reconsidered the Highest Rated Firm and requested confirmation from Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI) as to its continued interest in submitting its Technical and Financial Proposals. BTI confirmed its interest and was instructed to submit its proposals on 11 December 2025 at 10:00 AM;
- WHEREAS,** on 11 December 2025, the Technical and Financial Proposals submitted by Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI) were opened and subsequently forwarded to the Technical Working Group on 12 December 2025;
- WHEREAS,** on 15 December 2025, the Technical Evaluation Report was received via email and presented on the same day, wherein it was noted that the proposal of Brain Trust Knowledge and Options for Sustainable Development, Inc. (BTI) could not be considered for the Technical Assistance since its financial proposal of **₱31,226,473.60** exceeded the Allocated Budget of **₱5,000,000** for the implementation and operationalization of the Aqua-Industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) in Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) 6 and 9 under the FishCoRe Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Special Bids and Awards Committee acting unanimously, HEREBY RESOLVES, as it is HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. **Declare a failure of bidding** for the project entitled *“Consulting Services for Technical Assistance (TA) for the Implementation of Aqua-Industrial Business Corridors (ABCs) in FMA 6 and 9”*;
2. **Direct the End-User** to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the project requirements and technical specifications, including the cost estimates, and to duly reflect the results of such review and evaluation in the new Procurement Request Action Slip (PRAS) submission.

RESOLVED, this 18th day of December 2025, at FishCoRe - Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) Secretariat Office, 2nd floor, National Food Authority Building, Brgy. Vasra, Visayas Ave., Quezon City.

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