BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL BID BULLETIN NO. 1

SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF MACHINERY COMPONENT OF CFITF SHARED PROCESSING FACILITIES (CACAO PROCESSING CENTER) IN NEW LUCENA, ILOILO (PHilMech-CTF-GOODS-26-09-15)

This **Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 1** is being issued to clarify, amend and supplement provisions in the Bidding Documents.

A. ISSUES AND CONCERNS DURING THE PRE-BIDDING CONFERENCE

1. *Issue / Proposal: Clarification as to whether submission of bid proposals through LBC or other courier services is permitted.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***Yes, bid proposals may be submitted through LBC or other courier services, provided that, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat has physically receive and stamp the package within the exact date and time indicated in the Invitation to Bid and proper payment of bidding documents were verified.***

2. *Issue / Proposal: Inquiry whether the Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) completion period may be extended to cover contracts completed within the last ten (10) years.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The required SLCC must have been completed within the last five (5) years, in accordance with the bidding documents.***

3. *Issue / Proposal: Clarification whether the winning bidder is responsible for providing the labor and raw materials necessary for the testing of equipment.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The winning bidder shall be responsible for providing the necessary labor and raw materials required for the testing and commissioning of all equipment.***

4. *Issue / Proposal: Requested confirmation on whether the electrical requirements specified in item nos. 3 and 6 are 230V.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The electrical requirements in item nos. 3 and 6 are amended.***

Amendment:

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3.) One (1) unit Cacao Bean Cracker and Winnower - Capacity: 10 kg/hr (minimum) - Electrical Requirement: 1 Hp/ ~~230V~~/ single phase - With speed control - Stainless steel 304	3.) One (1) unit Cacao Bean Cracker & Winnower - Capacity: 10 kg/hr (minimum) - Electrical Requirement: 1 Hp/ **220-240V**/ single phase - With speed control - Stainless steel 304

- Hulling efficiency: 98% (minimum) - Nib recovery index: 0.85 (minimum) - Purity: 97%	- Hulling efficiency: 98% (minimum) - Nib recovery index: 0.85 (minimum) - Purity:97%
6.) Continuous Tempering Machine - Bowl Capacity: 8kg (minimum) - Output Capacity: 40 kg/hr (minimum) - Electrical Requirement: 1.9kW, ~~230V~~/ 60Hz/ single phase - Working Dimensions: 410 x 630 x 1510 mm - Food grade material - Automatic continuous tempering cycle - Bain-marie heating system - Adjustable chocolate flow - Flow-stopping and dosing foot pedal - Heated vibrating table	6. Continuous Tempering Machine - Bowl Capacity: 8kg (minimum) - Output Capacity: 40 kg/hr (minimum) - Electrical Requirement: 1.9kW, **220-240V**/ 60Hz/ single phase - Working Dimensions: 410 x 630 x 1510 mm - Food grade material - Automatic continuous tempering cycle - Bain-marie heating system - Adjustable chocolate flow - Flow-stopping and dosing foot pedal - Heated vibrating table

5. *Issue / Proposal: Clarification on the preferred material for the chocolate mould, specifically whether it should be made of silicone or acrylic.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The chocolate mould shall be made of any food-grade material.***

6. *Issue / Proposal: Requested that the SLCC requirement may include contracts involving laboratory equipment and main agricultural laboratory facilities.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The SLCC requirement is amended. Similar contracts may include the supply, delivery, and installation of food processing machinery and equipment. Laboratory equipment and agricultural laboratory facilities differ from the machinery components of food processing facility by nature, function, and technical complexity.***

Amendment:

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Bid Data Sheet (ITB Clause 5.5)	Similar contract shall refer to the ***"Supply or Fabrication of Dryers or other Agricultural Machinery and Equipment."***	Similar contract shall refer to the ***"Supply or Fabrication of Dryers or other Agricultural Machinery and Equipment" and "Supply, Delivery, and Installation of Food Processing Machinery and Equipment."***

7. *Issue / Proposal: Clarification on the required mesh size for the dispensing of cacao liquid, specifically whether the required mesh size is 4mm or 40mm.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The required mesh size is 4mm, as stated in Item 9 of the Technical Specifications.***

8. *Issue / Proposal: Inquiry whether the facility is already prepared and ready for the delivery and installation of the equipment.*

Action Taken/Reply: ***The facility in New Lucena, Iloilo is ready for the delivery and installation of the equipment.***

9. *Issue / Proposal: Proposal that the chocolate capacity of the ball mill be set at fifteen (15) liters, in lieu of the twenty (20) liters minimum stated in the Technical Specifications, citing safety capacity considerations.*
Action Taken/Reply: ***The minimum chocolate capacity of the ball mill at twenty (20) liters, as specified in the Technical Specifications is retained.***
10. *Issue / Proposal: Requested that contracts involving the procurement of Shared Service Facilities (SSF) for the establishment of a Design Engineering and Fabrication Laboratory be considered as similar contracts for purposes of the SLCC requirement.*
Action Taken/Reply: ***An SSF for a Design Engineering and Fabrication Laboratory is a general fabrication and design facility. It is not comparable to the cacao/food processing machinery being procured, so it does not meet the definition of a similar contract in the Bidding Documents. Additional similar contracts may include the supply, delivery, and installation of food processing machinery and equipment. Please refer to Issue/Proposal No. 6.***

B. WRITTEN QUERIES/ COMMENTS/REQUEST

1. *Issue / Proposal: (Letter dated October 9, 2026)* Dear BAC Good day! I would like to clarify the Schedule of Requirements and payment terms for the project. The indicated delivery lead time is only 45 calendar days. however, some of our machines are made to order and will be sourced from Asia and Europe, which may require a longer delivery period. Our standard payment terms are 50% down payment and 50% upon completion.
Action Taken/Reply: ***The terms of payment is retained.***
2. *Issue / Proposal: (Letter dated October 9, 2026)* In this regard, may we kindly ask if it would be possible to consider adjusting the delivery lead time to 90-150 working days upon receipt of the Purchase Order (PO) to accommodate the sourcing and delivery requirements of the equipment? I was unable to raise this concern during the pre-bid conference, so I would like to inquire if this request can still be considered and what the proper procedure would be. Thank you very much for your time and guidance. I look forward to your response.
Action Taken/Reply: ***The request is partially granted. Delivery period is amended to sixty (60) calendar days.*** **Amendment:**

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Invitation to Bid (Paragraph 2)	2) The **PHilMech** now invites bids for the ***SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF MACHINERY COMPONENT OF CFITF SHARED PROCESSING FACILITIES (CACAO***	2) The **PHilMech** now invites bids for the ***SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF MACHINERY COMPONENT OF CFITF SHARED PROCESSING FACILITIES (CACAO***

	PROCESSING CENTER) IN NEW LUCENA, ILOILO. Delivery of the Goods is required within ~~**Forty Five (45)**~~ calendar days. Bidders should have completed, within **five (5) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, contracts similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.	***PROCESSING CENTER) IN NEW LUCENA, ILOILO.*** Delivery of the Goods is required within **Sixty (60)** calendar days. Bidders should have completed, within **five (5) years** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, contracts similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

	FROM	*TO*
Section VI. Schedule of Requirements	**Delivery Schedule**	**Delivery Schedule**
	45 CD	**60** CD

Issued this 15th day of October 2026 in the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines.

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Date Received: _____