

Request for Quote/Proposal (RFQ/RFP)

Commodity/Service Required:	Service Provider for the Review and Enhancement of Ancillary Services for the Philippine Power System Amid the Clean Energy Transition
Type of Procurement:	One-Off Purchase Agreement
Type of Contract:	Purchase Order
Term of Contract:	6 months
Contract Funding:	U.S. Department of State (DOS)
This Procurement supports:	Energy Secure Philippines Activity (ESP)
Submit Proposal to:	Ms. Divina B. Chingcuanco Chief of Party, ESP RTI International via email: jvitan@energysecure.ph
Date of Issue of RFP/Q:	July 22, 2026
Date Questions from Supplier Due:	July 30, 2026, 5:00PM Philippine Standard Time
Date Proposal Due:	August 07, 2026 5:00PM Philippine Standard Time
Approximate Date Purchase Order Issued to Successful Bidder(s):	On or before August 24, 2026
Method of Submittal:	
Email to jvitan@energysecure.ph	
Respond via e-mail with attached document in MS Word / pdf format. The Bidder/Seller agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 60 days from the date specified for the receipt of offers, unless another time is specified in the addendum of the RFP/RFQ.	
Solicitation Number:	ESP-RFP-2026-053

Attachments to RFP:

1. Attachment “A” – Commodity Specifications
2. Attachment “B” – Instructions to Bidders/Sellers
3. All PO Terms and Conditions are listed on our website at: [RTI-PO-Terms_English Version - v1.21.pdf](http://www.rti.org/files/PO_FAR_Clauses_Commercial_Items.pdf) or for commercial items: http://www.rti.org/files/PO_FAR_Clauses_Commercial_Items.pdf (hereinafter the “Terms”). Supplier’s delivery of products, performance of services, or issuance of invoices in connection with this purchase order establishes Supplier’s agreement to the Terms. The Terms may only be modified in writing signed by both parties.

All bidders/sellers are responsible to carefully review each attachment and follow any instructions that may be relevant to this procurement.

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Attachment “A”

Commodity Specifications

Statement of Work

Description of Activity/Service:

RTI International (RTI) is a global, independent research institute with almost 60 years of experience in creating and translating knowledge into practice. RTI has wide expertise in at least 250-degree fields working to unlock value in eight practice areas including: health, education, energy, environmental sciences, and innovation ecosystems.

RTI is currently implementing Energy Secure Philippines (ESP), which is a multi-year program that aims to assist the Government of the Philippines (GPH) in promoting a more competitive power sector through investment mobilization, deployment of modern energy technologies, and support in policy reforms and regulation. ESP’s overall goal is to enhance energy security and reliability in the Philippines. It focuses on advancing inclusive economic growth and resilient development through increased private investment, promoting advanced technology deployment, and boosting the energy sector’s resiliency.

In partnership with the Philippine Department of Energy (DOE), ESP will support the requirement of a qualified Third-Party Expert (TPE) to support the review and enhancement of Ancillary Services (AS) for the Philippine power system amid the transition to clean energy and integration of emerging technologies, with due consideration to creating a stable and transparent framework that can stimulate timely and efficient investments.

The TPE shall undertake a comprehensive technical, operational, market, and regulatory assessment to determine whether existing AS remain sufficient under increasing penetration of variable renewable energy (VRE) and inverter-based resources and other emerging technologies, and to identify new or enhanced AS needed to maintain grid stability, reliability, and operational adequacy across the Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao grids. The determination shall also include the assessment of AS requirements for sub-grid level.

The study shall include technical assessments, power system simulations, international benchmarking, cost-benefit analysis, and regulatory and policy reviews to support the DOE in updating the AS framework and to recommend necessary amendments to the Philippine Grid Code (PGC), market rules & manuals, and other DOE & ERC related issuances. These recommendations aim to provide clear investment signals, reduce regulatory uncertainty, and enable the participation of new and existing technologies in the provision of AS.

In accordance with Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the DOE is mandated to ensure the adequacy, quality, reliability, and security of electricity supply nationwide.

The country’s transition to clean energy, particularly the increasing penetration of Variable Renewable Energy (VRE) and the growing share of inverter-based resources (IBRs) are

significantly affecting the operational characteristics of the Philippine power system. Grid stability and reliability have become critically important with the Philippines' programs which have seen a continuing increase in the entry of variable energy technology such as wind and solar. These developments contribute to declining system inertia, increased frequency variability, and more complex ramping and balancing requirements, which in turn increase the need for responsive and flexible AS.

AS are essential support services necessary to maintain power system stability, reliability, and quality. Existing AS in the Philippines, including Regulating Reserve (RR), Contingency Reserve (CR), Dispatchable Reserve (DR), Reactive Power Support (RPS), and Black Start Service (BSS), are currently provided for under the PGC. However, changing power system conditions indicate the need to further assess additional or enhanced AS categories to address emerging operational risks.

In this context, the DOE requires a comprehensive and forward-looking assessment to identify emerging AS requirements, quantify their technical and operational benefits, evaluate their feasibility under Philippine system conditions, and recommend a phased roadmap to support regulatory certainty, market readiness, and sustained investment in AS.

Product or Service Expectations (both if applicable):

The study aims to assess existing AS and recommend new or enhanced AS that are necessary to ensure the stability, reliability and operational adequacy of the Philippine power system. The objective is to ensure energy security and resiliency through adequate AS in the grid to strengthen the investment environment in the Luzon Economic Corridor (LEC) and promote and sustain economic activity therein.

The study shall:

- a. Review existing AS definitions, technical parameters, procurement arrangements, and operational performance under current and emerging grid conditions.
- b. Identify technical, operational, market, and institutional gaps arising from increasing penetration of VRE, inverter-based resources, and emerging technologies such as energy storage systems (ESS), digitalization, transport electrification, and other flexible resources.
- c. Evaluate potential new or enhanced AS, including their technical characteristics, operational requirements, and applicability to Philippine system conditions, with consideration of their investment and deployment implications.
- d. Conduct power system simulations to quantify the impact of new or enhanced AS on frequency stability, system reliability, inertia response, voltage control, ramping capability, and overall system resilience.
- e. Recommend policy and regulatory amendments necessary for the adoption of new or enhanced AS categories with the objective of improving regulatory clarity and reducing barriers to investment.
- f. Recommend appropriate market and operational measures to enable the integration, procurement, monitoring and sustained participation of new and existing resources in the provision of new or enhanced AS.

- g. Develop a phased implementation roadmap outlining short-, medium-, and long-term actions consistent with the country's clean energy transition and investment timelines.

The TPE shall undertake a comprehensive set of technical, regulatory, and market assessments to support the review and enhancement of AS for the Philippine power system amid the transition to clean energy. The scope of work is structured according to key implementation readiness areas.

A. Readiness Assessment of Technical Requirements and System Operations

A.1 Comprehensive Assessment of Existing AS and New AS

The TPE shall:

- a. Conduct a full review of existing AS covering definitions, technical requirements, procurement arrangements, operational performance standards.
- b. Conduct review of the relevant provisions of the Philippine Grid Code (PGC) and identify possible recommendation in adopting the new or enhanced AS for Philippine power systems. Include in the study the effect in the system inertia of ASEAN interconnection in the Philippine power system.
- c. Recommend new AS category to address operational gaps resulting from:
 - Increasing penetration of VRE, IBRs, and other emerging technologies
 - Declining inertia and frequency stability
 - Higher ramping and flexibility requirements
 - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Pumped-Storage Hydro (PSH), Flywheel Energy Storage (FES) and other ESS occurrences and its unutilized capabilities including sizing optimization studies to determine the optimal BESS capacity required for efficient system expansion, ensuring that over-procurement or excessive oversizing is avoided to prevent economic inefficiencies.
 - Inclusion and evaluation of old-school synchronous condensers and transforming into new smart grid technologies
 - Assessment and inclusion of Static Var Compensators (SVC) and/or Static Synchronous Compensators (STATCOM) to the grid capabilities
 - Demand-Side Management and Load-side AS Capabilities (e.g., Interruptible Load Programs and Demand Response integration facilitated by Load-Serving Entities)
- d. Identify and assess potential new or enhanced AS needed under evolving grid conditions, which may include but not limited to:
 - Fast Frequency Response (FFR)
 - Primary Frequency Response
 - Fast and Dynamic Reserve
 - Frequency Containment and Restoration Reserve
 - Synthetic/virtual inertia and Grid-forming capabilities
 - Primary frequency response for IBRs

- Flexible ramping capability
- Enhanced voltage and reactive power control
- System restart and restoration support
- Demand Response Service Providers or Load Resources for critical contingency events
- e. Develop preliminary technical specifications for each proposed new or enhanced AS, including but not limited to:
 - Response time and Ramp rate requirements
 - Control and activation mechanisms (Automatic Generation Control, Governor Control, Manual)
 - Qualification and Performance monitoring requirements
 - Other Monitoring and verification parameters
- f. Recommend the most practical test and certification procedures to remove bottlenecks and delays in the entry of AS providers
- g. Recommend enhancement to SO systems and processes relating to certification, contracting and dispatch of AS
- h. Recommend the appropriate pricing methods for the proper compensation of AS products and services
- i. Assess the technical feasibility, operational impacts, implementation requirements, investment requirements, and cost implications of proposed new or enhanced AS.

B. Power System Studies and Technical Simulations

The TPE shall conduct power system studies to assess the effectiveness of existing and proposed AS. These studies should include focus on the LEC which represents the Philippines' largest economic engine and accounts for approximately 50 percent of Gross Domestic Product. Specifically, the studies cover:

- a. Dynamic, transient, and frequency stability analyses such as:
 - High VRE penetration
 - Generator outages
 - Transmission constraints
 - Load imbalance events
 - Frequency-driven events (FDEs)
 - Emergency states and near-blackout conditions
- b. Inertia adequacy and frequency response assessments.
- c. Ramping and flexibility assessment to address variability and uncertainty from RE
- d. Voltage stability and reactive power margin analyses for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao grid.
- e. Comparative analysis supported by quantitative performance indicators of:
 - Existing AS vs. new AS under identical scenarios
 - System performance with and without the proposed AS Cost, reliability, resilience, and operational efficiency improvements of the proposed AS enhancements.

C. Readiness Assessment of the NGCP as the System Operator (SO)

The TPE shall assess NGCP's readiness to integrate and operationalize potential new AS. This includes:

- a. AS Requirement Methodology
 - Evaluate whether current methodologies are aligned with dynamic system needs.
 - Recommend transition to dynamic reserve requirement methodologies (if applicable).
- b. Operational Tools and IT/OT Infrastructure
 - SCADA upgrades
 - EMS enhancements
 - Real-time frequency and inertia monitoring tools
 - Data analytics for IBR performance
- c. Qualification, Testing, and Monitoring Processes
 - Enhanced testing protocols for IBRs, BESS, PSH, FES, etc.
 - New telemetry, metering, and reporting standards
 - Formulate detailed criteria on how to test each specific power plant technology and other (such as BESS, PSH, FES, STATCOM), explicitly including the evaluation of levels of primary and secondary response, and comparing old droop settings to modern droop settings.
 - Establish a comprehensive methodology and step-by-step approach for testing the actual capabilities of these facilities.
- d. Dispatch and Control Room Readiness
 - Capability to dispatch new AS
 - Required updates in operating procedures
- e. Cybersecurity and Digital Infrastructure
 - Assess the adequacy of communication networks, cybersecurity measures, and digital infrastructure required to support fast-response AS, IBRs, and advanced control systems.
 - Identify required enhancements to ensure secure, reliable, and resilient operation of proposed AS products.
- f. Institutional capacity, resource requirements, and potential constraints.

D. Readiness Assessment of IEMOP, PEMC and Metering Service Providers (MSPs)

The TPE shall assess institutional, market, and operational readiness to integrate new AS:

- a. Market Rules and WESM Manuals
 - Evaluate changes required in Market Manuals for AS registration, qualification, bidding, dispatch, and settlement.

- b. Market Design Impacts
 - Co-optimization of energy and AS
 - Locational aspects of new AS (e.g., voltage support, inertia needs)
 - Settlement methodologies
 - Scarcity pricing and market incentives
 - Performance monitoring and penalty mechanisms
- c. Metering, Verification, and Compliance
 - Required enhancements to monitoring and settlement systems
 - New performance indicators and compliance metrics
- d. Readiness of Metering Service Providers (MSPs)
 - System updates for data exchange, settlement, and monitoring
 - Ability to process high-resolution telemetry for fast-response services
- e. Assessment of Market Participants
 - Capability of generators, BESS, RES, PSH, and Load-Serving Entities to provide new AS
 - Barriers to qualification (technical, regulatory, economic)
- f. Recommendations for coordinated rule-making among DOE, ERC, PEMC, IEMOP, and SO.

D.1 Regulatory and Policy Gap Analysis

- Identify required amendments to the ERC Issuances such as PGC, WESM Rules and Manuals, and DOE and ERC Circulars, such as ASPP.
- Develop draft language for proposed rule changes.

D.2 Cost-Benefit and Economic Impact Assessment

- Quantify cost impacts on consumers, generators, load-serving entities and system operator.
- Evaluate economic benefits (avoided outages, reduced curtailment, reduced reserve shortages).

D.3 International Benchmarking and Best Practice Comparison

- Benchmark with UK, AEMO, ERCOT, CAISO, NGSO, New Zealand, and other high-VRE grids.
- Identify applicable and non-applicable services for PH conditions.

D.4 Implementation Roadmap

- Prioritized AS list
- Regulatory, technical, and market action items
- Institutional responsibilities (DOE, ERC, NGCP, PEMC, IEMOP)

D.5 Stakeholder Engagement Plan

- FGDs, workshops, and consultations
- Multi-agency steering committee coordination

Deliverables, Timelines, Special Terms and Conditions:

To ensure the engagement of the Third-Party Expert (TPE) is structured and measurable, the deliverables are grouped by functional milestones. This structure ensures that technical findings directly inform the legal and market-readiness components.

Phase 1: Baseline & Diagnostic Deliverables

Task 1: Inception Report & Detailed Work Plan: Detailed methodology for power system simulations, a stakeholder consultation schedule, and a data-sharing protocol between the DOE, NGCP, and IEMOP.

Task 2: Existing AS Performance & Gap Analysis Report: An audit of current AS (Regulating, Contingency, Dispatchable, Reactive Power, and Black Start) efficiency versus actual grid requirements under current VRE penetration levels.

Task 3: International Benchmarking Study: A comparative analysis of AS categories offered in international practices such as AEMO (Australia), National Grid (UK), ERCOT (Texas), and specifically tailored to the Philippine context.

Phase 2: Technical & Simulation Deliverables

Task 4: Grid Stability & Dynamic Simulation Report: Detailed results of frequency stability, inertia adequacy, and voltage margin studies. This must quantify the "Inertia Floor" and the specific volume of FFR needed for each grid (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao).

Task 5: Technical Specifications Manual for New/Enhanced AS: A "Product Catalogue" defining:

- Response times
- Droop and deadband settings
- Measurement and telemetry requirements
- Other needed parameters for all power plant technologies and ESS

Task 6: Ramping & Flexibility Assessment: A quantitative study on the need for "Flexible Ramping" products to manage the "Duck Curve" and rapid VRE fluctuations during sunrise/sunset.

Phase 3: Market & Institutional Readiness Deliverables

Task 7: SO & MO Infrastructure Audit Report: A readiness assessment of NGCP's SCADA/EMS and IEMOP's WESM systems to handle real-time dispatch, co-optimization, and high-resolution settlement data.

Task 8: Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) & Economic Impact Study: A report detailing the projected impact on the Transmission Charge for consumers versus the economic savings from improved grid reliability and reduced "Under-Frequency" load shedding events. This task will specifically quantify how adequate AS will strengthen the investment environment in the LEC

and promote and sustain economic activity in the region.

Task 9: Market Design & Settlement Framework: Proposed changes to WESM rules for the bidding, scheduling, and payment of the new AS products.

Phase 4: Policy & Implementation Deliverables

Task 10: Draft Regulatory & Policy Reform Package: "Ready-to-adopt" legal language and draft amendments for:

- The Philippine Grid Code (PGC)
- The Ancillary Services Procurement Plan (ASPP)
- Relevant DOE Circulars and ERC Resolutions

Task 11: Phased Implementation Roadmap: A strategic timeline (Short, Medium, Long-term) for the commercial rollout of new AS, including any required pilot testing or "trial operation" periods.

Task 12: Final Comprehensive Project Report: A synthesis of all findings, including a summary of stakeholder feedback from Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and public consultations.

Task 13: Knowledge Transfer & Capacity Building: Conduct training sessions and workshops for DOE, ERC, NGCP, and IEMOP on the methodologies used for power system simulations, dynamic reserve calculations, and AS performance monitoring.

Phase	Activities/ Deliverables	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
Phase 1: Baseline & Diagnostic Deliverables	Task 1: Inception Report & Detailed Work Plan						
	Task 2: Existing AS Performance & Gap Analysis Report						
	Task 3: International Benchmarking Study						
Phase 2: Technical & Simulation Deliverables	D4: Grid Stability & Dynamic Simulation Report						
	D5: Technical Specifications Manual for New/Enhanced AS						
	D6: Ramping & Flexibility Assessment						

Phase 3: Market & Institutional Readiness Deliverables	D7: SO & MO Infrastructure Audit Report						
	D8: Cost- Benefit Analysis (CBA) & Economic Impact Study						
	D9: Market Design & Settlement Framework						
Phase 4: Policy & Implementa tion Deliverables	D10: Draft Regulatory & Policy Reform Package						
	D11: Phased Implementation Roadmap						
	D12: Final Comprehensiv e Project Report						
	D13: Knowledge Transfer & Capacity Building						

Required Administrative Documents

- Signed RFP document (page 11 and 16)
- Completed pricing table
- Proof of legal registration
- List of previous clients that are relevant to RTI business
- Geocode 937 Compliant/Registered Entity (Annex 1)

The TPE shall sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) prior to the commencement of the study. All data, simulation models, and reports generated under this engagement shall remain the exclusive property of the DOE and relevant grid stakeholders. The TPE shall ensure strict data security protocols are followed.

Pricing

Item #	Quantity to be Purchased	Description of Preferred Commodity or Services Specifications	Unit of Measure	Unit Fixed Price (Each)	Total Fixed Price (Each)	Lead Time Availability (Number of Days)
1						
2						
3						
Total Value						

By signing this attachment, the bidder confirms he has a complete understanding of the specifications and fully intends to deliver items that comply with the above listed specifications.

Signature:

Title:

Date:

Attachment “B” Instructions to Bidders/Sellers

1. **Procurement Narrative Description:** The Buyer (RTI) intends to purchase commodities and/or services identified in Attachment A. The Buyer intends to purchase the quantities (for commodities) and/or services (based on deliverables identified in a Statement of Work). The term of the Ordering Agreement shall be from Award Date to the Delivery date of the Offeror unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The Buyer intends to award to a single “approved” supplier based on conformance to the listed specifications, the ability to service this contract, and selling price. We reserve the right to award to more than one bidder. If an Ordering Agreement is established as a result of this RFQ/RFP, supplier understands that quantities indicated in the specifications (Attachment A) are an estimate only and RTI does not guarantee the purchase quantity of any item listed.
2. **Procuring Activity:** This procurement will be made by **Research Triangle Institute (RTI International)**, located at

Manila, Philippines.

(insert full address of the office)

who has a purchase requirement in support of a project funded by

U.S. Department of State

(insert client’s name)

RTI shall award the initial quantities and/or services and any option quantities (if exercised by RTI) to Seller by a properly executed Purchase Order as set forth within the terms of this properly executed agreement.

3. **Proposal Requirements.** All Sellers will submit a quote/proposal which contains offers for all items and options included in this RFQ/RFP. All information presented in the Sellers quote/proposal will be considered during RTI’s evaluation. Failure to submit the information required in this RFQ/RFP may result in Seller’s offer being deemed non-responsive. Sellers are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach RTI’s office designated in the RFQ/RFP by the time and date specified in the RFQ/RFP. Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the RTI office designated in the RFQ/RFP after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is “late” and may not be considered at the discretion of the RTI Procurement Officer. The Seller’s proposal shall include the following:
 - (a) The solicitation number:
 - (b) The date and time submitted:
 - (c) The name, address, and telephone number of the seller (bidder) and authorized signature of same:
 - (d) Validity period of Quote:

- (e) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary.
 - (f) If RTI informs Seller that the Commodity is intended for export and the Commodity is not classified for export under Export Classification Control Number (ECCN) “EAR99” of the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Administration Regulations (EAR), then Seller must provide RTI the correct ECCN and the name of Seller’s representative responsible for Trade Compliance who can confirm the export classification.
 - (g) Lead Time Availability of the Commodity/Service.
 - (h) Terms of warranty describing what and how the warranties will be serviced.
 - (i) Special pricing instructions: Price and any discount terms or special requirements or terms (special note: pricing must include guaranteed firm fixed prices for items requested.)
 - (j) Payment address or instructions (if different from mailing address)
 - (k) Acknowledgment of solicitation amendments (if any)
 - (l) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including points of contact with telephone numbers, and other relevant information)
 - (m) **Special Note:** *The Seller, by his response to this RFQ/RFP and accompanying signatures, confirms that the terms and conditions associated with this RFQ/RFP document have been agreed to and all of its attachments have been carefully read and understood and all related questions answered.*
4. **Forms:** Sellers (potential bidders or suppliers) must record their pricing utilizing the format found on Attachment “A”. Sellers must sign the single hardcopy submitted and send to address listed on the cover page of this RFQ/RFP.
5. **Questions Concerning the Procurement.** All questions in regards to this RFQ/RFP to be directed to

Jan Ranizen F. Vitan, Procurement and Contracts Manager

(insert name of procurement officer)

at this email address:

jvitan@energysecure.ph

(insert email address of the procurement officer).

The cut-off date for questions is *(insert date)*.

July 30, 2026 5:00PM Philippine Standard Time

6. **Notifications and Deliveries:** Time is of the essence for this procurement. Seller shall deliver the items or services no later than the dates set forth in the contract that will be agreed by both parties as a result of this RFQ/RFP. The Seller shall immediately contact the Buyer's Procurement Officer if the specifications, availability, or the delivery schedule(s) changes. Exceptional delays will result in financial penalties being imposed of Seller.
7. **Documentation:** The following documents will be required for payment for each item:
 - (a) A detailed invoice listing Purchase Order Number, Bank information with wiring instructions (when applicable)
 - (b) Packing List
 - (c) All relevant product/service documentation (manuals, warranty doc, certificate of analysis, etc.)
8. **Payment Terms:** Refer to RTI purchase order terms and conditions found in https://www.rti.org/sites/default/files/rti-po-terms_v1.21.pdf, http://www.rti.org/files/PO_FAR_Clauses.pdf, or http://www.rti.org/files/PO_FAR_Clauses_Commercial_Items.pdf. Payment can be made via wire transfer or other acceptable form. Sellers may propose alternative payment terms and they will be considered in the evaluation process.
9. **Alternative Proposals:** Sellers are permitted to offer "alternatives" should they not be able to meet the listed requirements. Any alternative proposals shall still satisfy the minimum requirements set forth in Attachment A Specifications.
10. **Inspection Process:** Each item shall be inspected prior to final acceptance of the item. All significant discrepancies, shortages, and/or faults must be satisfactorily corrected and satisfactorily documented prior to delivery and release of payment.
11. **Evaluation and Award Process:** The RTI Procurement Officer will award an agreement contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Seller (bidder) whose offer conforms to the RFQ/RFP will be most advantageous to RTI, price and other factors considered. The award will be made to the Seller representing the **best value** to the project and to RTI. For the purpose of this RFQ/RFP, price, delivery, technical and past performance are of equal importance for the purposes of evaluating, and selecting the "best value" awardee. RTI intends to evaluate offers and award an Agreement without discussions with Sellers. Therefore, the Seller's initial offer should contain the Seller's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, RTI reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the RTI Procurement Officer to be necessary.

The evaluation factors will be comprised of the following criteria:

- (a) **PRICE.** Lowest/reasonable evaluated ceiling price (inclusive of option quantities).
- (b) **DELIVERY.** Seller provides the most advantageous delivery schedule.
- (c) **TECHNICAL.** Items/Services shall satisfy or exceed the specifications described in RFQ/RFP Attachment A.

(d) **PAST PERFORMANCE** - Seller can demonstrate his/her capability and resources to provide the items/services requested in this solicitation in a timely and responsive manner.

(e) **OTHER EVALUATION CRITERIA.**

N/A

12. **Award Notice.** A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful supplier within the time acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
13. **Validity of Offer.** This RFP in no way obligates RTI to make an award, nor does it commit RTI to pay any costs incurred by the Seller in the preparation and submission of a proposal or amendments to a proposal. Your proposal shall be considered valid for 60 days after submission.
14. **Representations and Certifications.** Winning suppliers under a US Federal Contract are required to complete and sign as part of your offer RTI Representations and Certifications for values over \$10,000.
15. **Certification.** The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on its behalf in connection with the awarding of this contract.
16. **Anti- Kick Back Act of 1986.** Anti-Kickback Act of 1986 as referenced in FAR 52.203-7 is hereby incorporated into this Request for Proposal as a condition of acceptance. If you have reasonable grounds to believe that a violation, as described in Paragraph (b) of FAR 52.203-7 may have occurred, you should report this suspected violation to the RTI's Ethics Hotline at 1-877-212-7220 or by sending an e-mail to ethics@rti.org. You may report a suspected violation anonymously.
17. **The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019 - section 889.** RTI cannot use any equipment or services from specific companies, or their subsidiaries and affiliates, including Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, and Dahua Technology Company ("Covered Technology"). In response to this request for proposal, please do not provide a quote which includes any Covered Technology. Any quote which includes Covered Technology will be deemed non-responsive. Additionally, if the United States Government is the source of funds for this RFP, the resulting Supplier shall not provide any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Technology as a substantial or essential component



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Acceptance:

Seller agrees, as evidenced by signature below, that the seller's completed and signed solicitation, seller's proposal including all required submissions and the negotiated terms contained herein, constitute the entire agreement for the services described herein.

By: *(Seller Company Name)*

Signature: _____

Title:

Date:



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