



## INVITATION FOR COMPARATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE TARLAC – PANGASINAN – LA UNION EXPRESSWAY (TPLEX) EXTENSION PROJECT

The Department of Public Works and Highways (“DPWH”) has received an unsolicited proposal from San Miguel Holdings Corporation (the “Original Proponent”). Upon evaluation, the DPWH has accepted, upon successful negotiation and approval of the NEDA Board, the unsolicited proposal to Finance, Design, Construct, Operate and Maintain the Tarlac – Pangasinan – La Union Expressway (“TPLEX”) Extension Project from Rosario, La Union to San Juan, La Union, following the provisions of the Build-Operate-Transfer (“BOT”) Law and its Revised 2022 Implementing Rules and Regulations (“Revised 2022 IRR”) and the Investment Coordination Committee guidelines.

The TPLEX Extension Project (“Project”) is included in the Infrastructure Flagship Program of the current administration. The Project is a four (4)-lane, 59.4-kilometer tolled expressway starting from Rosario to San Juan, La Union. It consists of at least five (5) interchanges.

The Project is expected to:

- Promote the development of Northern Luzon.
- Facilitate connectivity to Central Luzon and Metro Manila through high-speed mobility and secured access.

The DPWH invites local and international companies to submit comparative proposals under a Comparative Bidding Process to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain the Project under a 34-year concession period. The comparative bidding for the Project will be conducted in accordance with the procurement rules and procedures applicable for unsolicited proposals set out in **Republic Act No. 6957, an Act Authorizing the Financing, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Infrastructure Projects by the Private Sector, as amended by Republic Act No. 7718, otherwise known as the Philippine BOT Law and its Revised 2022 IRR.**

A Single-Stage Qualification and Bidding for this Project shall be conducted pursuant to and in accordance with Section 5.7 (Simultaneous or Single-Stage Qualification and Bidding), and in relation to Rule 10 (Unsolicited Proposals) of the 2022 Revised IRR and other relevant provisions of the BOT Law.

In the event that a comparative proponent submits a price proposal better than that submitted by the original proponent, the latter shall have the “right-to-match” such price proposal within thirty (30) working days from receipt of a notification from the DPWH of the result of the comparative or competitive bid, in accordance with Section 10.1 of 2022 Revised BOT Law IRR.

Instructions to Comparative Proponents and other relevant qualification and tender documents will be available from **06 December 2023** until **20 December 2023**, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the office of the Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee (“PBAC”) Secretariat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Service Office, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, with telephone numbers: (+63) 2 5304-3148 to 49. It is emphasized that the said documents shall be provided to the authorized representative of the Comparative Proponent and/or company.

The Pre-bid conference shall be conducted thirty (30) working days after the last day of issuance of the tender documents. Venue for the Pre-bid conference will be located at the Department of Public Works and Highways, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila.

Without prejudice to the submission of all documentary and other requirements, prospective comparative proponents must accomplish the required forms and pay a non-refundable fee of **One Million Philippine Pesos (PHP 1,000,000.00)**, payable in manager’s check drawn on any Philippines Bank and payable to the order of Department of Public Works and Highways (“DPWH”). Comparative Proposals should be submitted to the DPWH on or before **2:00 P.M. on 15 March 2024** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PPP Service Office, DPWH Central Office, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, unless otherwise advised.

The DPWH reserves the right to reject any or all comparative proposals, modify the tender or bidding documents or any aspect thereof anytime, waive any minor defects therein, declare a failure of bidding, - and not award the contract for any justifiable and reasonable ground where an award will not benefit the DPWH or the Government of the Philippines, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected proponent(s) or bidder(s).

For further instructions and clarifications on how to participate in the Project, interested parties may coordinate with the PBAC Secretariat through:

THE PBAC SECRETARIAT

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