



Bid Bulletin No. 01
11 June 2025

- I. Attention is hereby invited to the bidders of the Project **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LAPTOPS AND COMPUTERS FOR VARIOUS CAAP OFFICES with BID NO. 25-36-05 BRAVO.**
- II. **Please be informed of the following clarifications:**

Issues/Inquiries	Clarifications
1. Would you consider accepting a universal audio jack port instead of dedicated mic input and speaker output?	No. The Procuring Entity respectfully maintains the original requirement for dedicated microphone input and speaker output as specified in the Terms of Reference (TOR). This requirement is based on the specific operational needs of the end-users, particularly for tasks requiring simultaneous, high-fidelity input and output functionalities which may not be optimally supported by a universal audio jack.
2. Would you consider relaxing the 700 watts 80+ requirement to at least 360 watts?	No. The Procuring Entity will retain the original specification of a minimum 700-watt 80+ certified power supply. This is intended to ensure adequate headroom for future hardware expansion, sustained power stability, and energy efficiency. The 80+ certification also aligns with green procurement principles, ensuring better energy usage and cost savings in the long term.
3. Would you consider accepting 4x mDP ports instead of 3x (Display port/HDMI)?	No. The Procuring Entity will retain the original specification requiring at least three (3) DisplayPort or HDMI outputs. This ensures compatibility with a wide range of existing display equipment and avoids the need for additional adapters or converters, which may compromise signal quality or user convenience.
4. Would you consider accepting Windows 11 Pro instead of Windows 10 since Microsoft will	Yes. The Procuring Entity agrees to the proposed upgrade to Windows 11 Pro in light of Microsoft's announced end-of-

<p>be ending the support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025, and updates for features and security improvements will no longer be available?</p>	<p>support date for Windows 10. The technical specifications shall be adjusted accordingly to reflect this upgrade.</p> <p>The required bundled software shall now be: Licensed Windows 11 Pro 64-bit, English (NOT INSTALLED), with access to product key.</p>
<p>5. Manufacturer's proposed brand is an international brand name, which means that the brand is known and marketed globally. Further, the brand should be sold and marketed continuously in the Philippines for at least ten (10) years.</p> <p>Mr. Chairman, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) does not require laptop procurements to be limited to internationally recognized brand names.</p> <p>RA 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations mandate that specifications for government procurement should be based on relevant characteristics and performance requirements, not brand names. This is to ensure competitiveness among all suppliers and to avoid limiting participation to a select few.</p> <p>We request that condition to be stricken out or eliminated in the technical specifications. Our justification is based on:</p> <p>Principle of Competitiveness – One of the core principles of government procurement is to ensure that all qualified suppliers have an equal opportunity to</p>	<p>The Procuring Entity fully acknowledges the prohibition on the direct reference to brand names under RA 9184 and its IRR. It is clarified that the TOR does not mention any specific brand. Rather, it specifies a requirement for a brand that is "internationally known and marketed" to ensure adherence to international standards, product support, and reliability—factors deemed critical for long-term government use.</p> <p>This requirement does not limit competition, as there is a wide range of internationally known and locally available brands that can satisfy this condition. It is further emphasized that the intent is not to favor a particular supplier but to secure products that meet the technical and support standards needed by the Authority.</p>

participate in the bidding process.

Prohibition of Brand Names –
The GPBB's rules strictly prohibit specifying brand names in technical specifications. This is because it would effectively exclude suppliers who may not be as globally known or part of a special list, even if they meet the technical requirements.

- III. This notice and the clarifications herein shall form an **integral part of the Bidding Documents**. Bidders are required to include a copy of this notice in their **technical bid envelope/components** and ensure that it is properly marked.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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Project end-user

Noted by:



ATTY. DANJUN G. LUCAS

Chairperson

Bids and Awards Committee – Bravo