



SUPPLEMENTAL BID BULLETIN NO. 2

to the

BID DOCUMENTS

for the

**Supply and Delivery of One (1) Year Subscription to Advanced Weather
Forecasting Solutions (Smart Farming Programme)**

ITB No. NIACOEMD-S-1

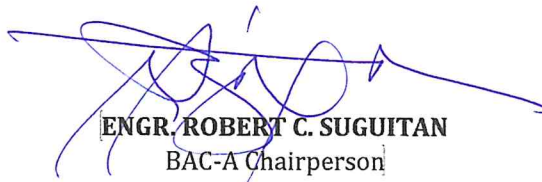
- A. Please be advised of the rationale for the requirement set for the above-captioned project, to wit:

Reference	Rationale
<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications</p> <p>Item 1.a of the Comparative Specifications Table –</p> <p>“Owned and operate their own weather satellites (not contracted) that provide radar and microwave capabilities with the following specifications”</p>	<p>The Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), and National Irrigation Administration (NIA) must ensure that the data to be received is raw, and unprocessed, collected directly from the source, such as KA-band radar or satellite sensors. This data is vital for DA, DA-BSWM, and NIA to avoid relying on third-party “pass-through data providers,” which may limit the customization and accuracy of the insights derived.</p> <p>Another key reason for requiring direct engagement is to ensure the provider’s ability to meet Service Level Agreements (SLAs). SLAs guarantee that key performance indicators (KPIs), such as real-time weather data over seas and oceans, are consistently met. If the data is not provided in its raw form, or if SLAs are not adhered to, it could diminish the effectiveness of the information delivered to farmers, potentially leading to inaccurate forecasts and agricultural advice. This could negatively impact crop yields and farming operations.</p>



	<p>Retaining control over unprocessed data empowers DA, DA-BSWM, and NIA to refine their models and ensure that the agricultural advice provided to farmers remains accurate and actionable.</p> <p>If the bidder can demonstrate to DA-BSWM, and NIA that they can access data directly from KA-band radar satellites to provide raw data and meet the SLAs required by the satellite providers, the end-user has no technical objections.</p>
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- B. Receipt of this Notice must be acknowledged by the Bidders at the Office of the BAC-A Secretariat, 6th Floor, NIA Building "A", EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City.
- C. This Notice shall form part of the Bidding Documents.


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