



## **INVITATION FOR COMPARATIVE PROPOSALS** **FOR THE BORACAY BRIDGE PROJECT**

The Department of Public Works and Highways (“DPWH”) has received an unsolicited proposal from San Miguel Holdings Corporation (the “Original Proponent”) for the Boracay Bridge Project (“Project”) and was approved following the provisions of the Republic Act No. 11966 or the Public-Private Partnership Code of the Philippines (“PPP Code”) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The unsolicited proposal is to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain the Boracay Bridge Project connecting Boracay Island and the main island of Panay (Malay, Aklan).

The Project involves the construction of an approximate 2.54-kilometer limited-access bridge system including an access road infrastructure with facility hubs on both islands, providing commercial spaces for lease and parking areas for service and operation of public transport vehicles and cargo/delivery vehicles between Boracay Island and Caticlan, Malay.

The Project is expected to:

- Open-up a new all-weather access for vehicles and pedestrians, thereby, encouraging people to consider alternative accommodations and activity centers at the mainland;
- Manage environmental carrying capacity of the Boracay Island; and
- Free-up Boracay Island from overcrowding and overuse of existing facilities, which ultimately produce adverse environmental impact.

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 30-year concession period from the start of operations.

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. 11966, An Act Providing for the Public-Private Partnership Code of the Philippines (“PPP Code”), and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).**

A Single-Stage Bidding for this Project shall be conducted pursuant to the approved Parameters, Terms, and Conditions (PTCs) and as allowed in the provisions of the PPP Code and its IRR.

In the event that a comparative proponent submits a financial proposal better than that submitted by the Original Proponent, the latter shall have the “right-to-match” such price proposal within thirty (30) calendar days in accordance with the Instruction to Comparative Challengers and Section 98 of the PPP Code IRR.

Instructions to Comparative Proponents and other relevant qualification and tender documents will be available starting **February 20, 2025**, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the office of the Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee (“PBAC”) Secretary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,

DPWH Central Office Building, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Service Office, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, with telephone numbers: (02) 5304-3148 to 49. It is emphasized that the said documents shall be provided only to the authorized representative of the Comparative Proponent and/or company.

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 **Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP 500,000.00)**, payable in **cashier's/manager's check** issued by a commercial or universal bank and payable to the order of Department of Public Works and Highways ("DPWH").

Prospective challengers shall be given a period of two hundred forty (240) calendar days, from the first day of issuance of comparative challenge documents to submit comparative proposals. Comparative Proposals should be submitted on or before **4:00 P.M. on October 18, 2025** 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 Chairperson and copy furnish the PBAC Secretary through:

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