



Republic of the Philippines  
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE  
FORENSIC GROUP**  
Camp BGen Rafael T Crame, Quezon City



**RESOLUTION No. FG BAC- 31 -2023**

**DECLARING THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATION OF THE DIRECT CONTRACTING WITH THE FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY (EUROPE) LIMITED [THEN ULTRA ELECTRONICS FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY INC. (UEFTI)] FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) LOT ENHANCEMENT OF ICT EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND RECOMMENDING TO THE HEAD OF THE PROCURING ENTITY THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNTING TO PHP227,000,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the PNP-FG has allocated Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Million Pesos Only (PhP227,000,000.00) for the procurement of one (1) lot of ICT Equipment for the Enhancement of Firearm Identification System Maintenance (FIS) from GAA FY 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the PNP FG Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), in compliance with the Republic Act 9184 and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulation, conducted the **1<sup>st</sup> OPENING OF BIDS** on November 7, 2022. However, no bids were received, and it was declared a **“Failure of Bidding.”** A rebidding of the procurement was recommended to the HoPE;

**WHEREAS**, the PNP FG BAC, in compliance with the Republic Act 9184 and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulation, conducted the **2<sup>nd</sup> OPENING OF BIDS** on December 5, 2022. However, no bids were received, and once again declared a **“Failure of Bidding”**;

**WHEREAS**, the failure of bidding was attributed to the proprietary nature of the existing FIS (IBIS) of the PNP FG, wherein the ICT equipment to be procured must have seamless interconnectivity, compatibility, and security with it for the continuity of its operations and enhance effectivity and efficiency in the analysis and correlation of the data of firearms evidence, which can only be obtained from the ULTRA ELECTRONICS FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY INC. (UEFTI), the existing service provider;

**WHEREAS**, the UEFTI does not have sub-dealers in the country and worldwide that sell and distribute its products and services, and no suitable substitute can be obtained to cover its repair and maintenance;

**WHEREAS**, the PNP FG BAC, in a Resolution dated December 6, 2022, recommended to the HoPE to continue with procurement through an alternative mode, which is Direct Contracting under Section 50 of Republic Act No. 9184. The HoPE subsequently approved the PNP FG BAC recommendation;



**WHEREAS**, by the approved recommendation to change the mode of procurement of the project from public bidding to direct contracting, the PNP FG revised its Annual Procurement Plan – Enhancement of Firearms Identification System FY 2022 for the procurement of ICT Equipment to reflect the revised mode of procurement as Direct Contracting;

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2022, the PNP FG received a letter from Mr. Ben Marklew (Mr. Marklew), Senior Director, Global Sales of the UEFTI, extending the information that Advent International acquired the UEFTI in August 2022 and there is a reorganization of the UEFTI Sales Team. He furthered that the current management concluded that they no longer require a permanent resource in Singapore to support the Middle East and Asia Pacific. He also extended that Mr. Raymond Boh, Regional Sales Director, Asia Pacific and Middle East of UEFTI, has left the company effective immediately;

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2022, through a letter, the PNP FG informed Mr. Marklew of the failed direct contracting about the procurement of one (1) lot of Repair and Maintenance of IT Equipment and Software for Firearm Identification System (FIS) and has requested information from them if the parts and components of the IBIS are still available in the market and their continued service to the operation of the FIS (IBIS) of the PNP FG. Mr. Marklew acknowledged receipt of the letter, but there was no specific response on the details of the request;

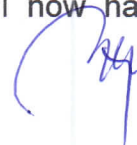
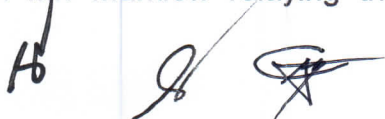
**WHEREAS**, on December 9 and 12, 2022, the PNP FG conducted the Suppliers Forum and invited five prospective suppliers of FIS, namely EVOFINDER; UEFTI; BALCASAN Laboratory Imaging; SRO, CONDOR, SBC Corporation (Russia); and Pappilion System (ARSENAL). However, no suppliers attended the two occasions;

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2022, the PNP FG BAC convened and deliberated the status of the procurement of one (1) lot ICT Equipment for the Enhancement of the Firearm Identification System (FIS) and has resolved the declaration of the failure of the direct contracting and resolved further to recommend to the HoPE for the provisional termination of the procurement process for the project. The HoPE approved the recommendation for the provisional termination of the procurement process for the project;

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2023, the PNP FG reiterated the previous letter to UEFTI. In addition, a timeline for resuming its market operation in Asia was requested. Once again, the receipt of the letter was acknowledged by Mr. Ben Marklew, but there was no specific response on the details of the request;

**WHEREAS**, on June 7, 2023, a coordinating conference with Mr. Marklew was carried out to prepare the resumption of the procurement process for procuring one (1) lot of ICT Equipment and Software for the Enhancement of Firearm Identification System (FIS). Mr. Marklew committed to preparing the legal, financial, and technical documents for the procurement;

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2023, the PNP FG received an official electronic mail from Mr. Marklew relaying the information that the UEFTI now has PHILGEPS



Platinum Membership and is ready to pursue the direct contracting with the PNP FG for the procurement of one (1) lot ICT Equipment and Software for Enhancement of Firearm Identification System (FIS);

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2023, the PNP FG BAC convened to determine the readiness of the HoPE to resume the direct contracting with UEFTI and that the direct contracting was still on the basis that the UEFTI is the proprietary owner of the existing PNP FG's FIS (IBIS) with which the repair, maintenance, its critical components, the system's compatibility, interconnectivity, and data security can only be provided by them;

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2023, the PNP FG BAC sent to Forensic Technology (Europe) Ltd. a Request for Quotation to be submitted on October 9, 2023, which the latter complied;

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2023, the Quotation/Proposal submitted by Forensic Technology (Europe) Ltd. was opened, and negotiation ensued between the members of the PNP FG BAC and Forensic Technology (Europe) Ltd., Represented by Mr. Ben Marklew, Senior Director Global Sales;

**WHEREAS**, after the negotiation between the parties, it was deemed that Forensic Technology (Europe) Ltd. is technically, legally, and financially capable of delivering the goods and that the contract is advantageous to the PNP;

**NOW THEREFORE**, after careful deliberations, the PNP FG BAC resolved as it hereby resolves to **DECLARE** the success of the Direct Contracting with Forensic Technology (Europe) Ltd. for the procurement of ONE (1) LOT ENHANCEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR FIREARM IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (FIS); **RECOMMEND** to the HoPE the approval of the award of the contract to Forensic Technology (Europe) Ltd. amounting to Php227,000,000.00 and the issuance of the corresponding Notice of Award.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, at the PNP Forensic Group, Camp BGen Rafael T Crame, Quezon City, Philippines.

  
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Chairperson

  
**PCOL RUEL M VACARO**  
Vice-Chairperson

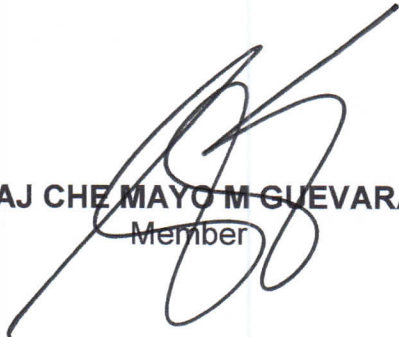








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