



Date: May 18, 2026

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

PROJECT NO.: TEI-ePROC-2026-014

PROJECT NAME: ACQUISITION OF 17.5kV AIR-INSULATED, MEDIUM VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND 69kV CONTROL AND PROTECTION PANELS, EQUIPPED WITH IEC 61850 RELAYS AND MERGING UNITS, INCLUDING SPARES

A. General Terms and Conditions

1. **Specifications of the Products:** The Supplier/Vendor agrees to deliver to **Tarlac Electric Inc. (TEI)** the products specified in the purchase order/ contract or technical and financial proposals or other pertinent Bid Documents, as may be specified by **TEI**, in accordance with the specifications and the delivery schedule and terms indicated therein.
2. **Price:** **TEI** shall pay to the Supplier/Vendor, the price specified in the purchase order/ contract, subject to the Supplier's/Vendor's compliance with the terms of the purchase order/ contract and provisions of 'Procurement Guidelines for the Regulated Transmission and Distribution Assets and Services of Regulated Entities' issued by the ERC (along with amendments thereof).
3. **Delivery:** Time is of the essence. Non-delivery of the awarded items shall be a ground for the cancellation of the order and imposition of penalty as may be defined under the Bid Documents.

B. Bid Preparation

1. Bids submitted by Bidders shall meet the following listed conditions:
 - a. All Bid Documents, forms, and submissions required as per the Bid Documents are provided along with the Bid;

- b. The technical proposal of the Bid does not include any details of the financial proposal of the Bid;
- c. Bid submitted shall, at all times, be in original form;
- d. Bid is accompanied by acceptable bid security, in accordance to the Bid Documents; and
- e. The bid submitted is not conditional.

Any Bid not meeting the conditions listed above shall be declared non-responsive and shall be disqualified. The financial proposal of such Bidders shall not be opened and will be returned.

- 2. The financial proposal shall clearly provide all details, including the quoted price as a separate amount, taxes/ duties/ fees/ levies, and other charges applicable.
- 3. Bidders shall submit their Bids signed/ endorsed duly by their authorized representative using appropriate forms specified under Bid Documents, on or before the Bid submission deadline.
- 4. To establish the conformity of the Assets to the Bid Document, the Bidder shall furnish as part of its Bid, the documentary evidence (specifications, designs, drawings, and conformance to standards) and, where asked for, supply samples, demonstrate trials, or carry out tests as specified under Bid Document.

C. Bid Evaluation

- 1. Bids received prior to Bid submission deadline shall only be considered for Bid evaluation. Bids received after the deadline for Bid submission shall not be accepted by **TEI**.
- 2. A Bidder may modify its Bid after it has been submitted, provided the modification is received by **TEI** prior to the deadline for Bid submission. No Bid may be modified post-deadline of the Bid submission.
- 3. To promote transparency and fairness in the process, **TEI** may consider the appointment or designation of third-party

observers in the bidding process. The appointment of such third-party observers shall not result in any increase in procurement cost.

4. The technical proposals shall be opened on the date and time specified in the bid documents of **TEI** at the TEI Office in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who wish to be present.
5. The financial proposals shall be opened on the date and time specified in the bid documents of **TEI** at the TEI Office in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who wish to be present.
6. Bidders are prohibited from making or accepting any kind of communication with members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) of TEI, regarding evaluation of their Bids, unless otherwise allowed in accordance with the Bid documents.

D. Bid Security

1. The Bidder shall submit as part of its Qualification Documents, a Bid Security in the form of a Manager's/ Cashier's check, Bank Guarantee, or a Standby Letter of Credit (SBLC) from a reputable bank payable to TARLAC ELECTRIC INC.
2. The Bid Security must be valid for one hundred twenty (120) days from the bid submission due date.
3. The Bid Security shall be delivered to TEI before the deadline of the submission of bids addressed to the BAC Secretariat at TEI's San Rafael Office, located at Sitio Allied, Brgy. San Rafael, Tarlac City.
4. The BAC-Secretariat shall record the date and time when each Bidder delivers Bid Security.
5. Any Bid not accompanied by a Bid Security shall be rejected by the BAC for being non-responsive.
6. The BAC-Secretariat shall return the first main envelope, the second main envelope, and the Bid Security of all non-responsive

Bidders within fifteen (15) calendar days after evaluation of bids.

7. The Bid Security shall be forfeited if the bidder withdraws its bid during the bid validity period, fails to sign the contract, or fails to furnish **TEI** with the required Performance Security.
8. The bid securities of responsive bidders shall be returned after the winning bidder has signed the contract and furnished the required performance security.

E. Performance Security or Guarantee

1. To guarantee the faithful performance by the winning bidder of its obligations under the contract under the Bid Documents, it shall post a performance security of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Procurement value, in the acceptable form of a bank guarantee, a demand draft, or a standby letter of credit (SBLC).
2. The performance security shall be forfeited in the event it is established that the winning bidder is in default in any of its obligations under the contract.
3. The performance security shall remain valid until **TEI** issues a Certificate of Final Acceptance, and there are no pending claims against the winning bidder.

F. Conditions Precedent/ Contract Award

1. Failure to meet any of the conditions precedent listed under the Bid Document, within the specified period, or finding against the veracity thereof, shall disqualify the Bidder for award.
2. **TEI** shall enter into a contract with the selected Bidder once all documentary requirements are complied with.

G. Termination

1. **TEI** or **Supplier/ Vendor** may initiate termination proceedings in accordance with the terms and conditions defined under the purchase order/ contract/ Bid documents.

2. A written notice of termination must be served to the other party at least thirty (30) days before the intended termination. The notice shall specify the nature of default/ failure, remedy required (if any), and time period allowed for remedy of default/ failure in accordance with the terms and conditions of the purchase order/ contract/ bid documents.

H. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Collusive, Coercive, and Obstructive Practices

1. The Bidders/ Suppliers/ Vendors shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the Procurement and execution of the contract.
2. The Bidders/ Suppliers/ Vendors shall refrain from engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, and obstructive practices, defined as follows:
 - a. 'corrupt practice' means behavior on the part of officials in the public or private sectors by which they improperly and unlawfully enrich themselves, others or induce others to do so, by misusing the position in which they are placed, and includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of any such official in the Procurement process on in contract execution;
 - b. 'fraudulent practice' means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a Procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment **TEI**, and includes collusive practice among Bidders (prior to or after Bid submission) designed to establish Bid prices at artificial, non- competitive levels and to deprive **TEI** of the benefits of free and open competition;
 - c. 'collusive practices' means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of **TEI**, designed to establish Bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels;
 - d. 'coercive practices' means harming or threatening to

- harm, directly or indirectly, persons, or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract;
- e. 'obstructive practice' is:
 - i. deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to an administrative proceedings or investigation or making false statements to investigators in order to materially impede an administrative proceedings or investigations into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; and/ or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the administrative proceedings or investigation or from pursuing such proceedings or investigation; or
 - ii. acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the inspection rights of **TEI**.

TEI reserves its right to pursue the imposition of maximum civil, administrative, and/or criminal penalties available under applicable laws on individuals and organizations deemed to be involved in any of the practices mentioned above.

- 3. Engagement in any of the corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive and/ or obstructive practices, or blacklisting or debarment by governments, international organizations, domestic and international financial institutions, and procuring entities, shall form valid grounds for termination of purchase order/ contract and/ or application of penalties defined under Bid Documents or under applicable laws.

I. Code of Integrity

- 1. Any Bidder participating in the Procurement process shall:
 - a. Not offer any bribe, reward or gift, or any material benefit, either directly or indirectly in exchange for an unfair advantage in the Procurement process or to otherwise influence the

Procurement process;

- b. Not misrepresent or omit that misleads or attempts to mislead so as to obtain a financial or other benefit or avoid an obligation;
- c. Not indulge in any collusion, Bid rigging or anti-competitive behaviour to impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the Procurement process;
- d. Not misuse any information shared between **TEI** and the Bidders with an intent to gain unfair advantage in the Procurement process;
- e. Not indulge in any coercion, including impairing or harming or threatening to do the same, directly or indirectly, to any party or to its property to influence the Procurement process;
- f. Not obstruct any investigation or audit of a Procurement process;
- g. Disclose conflict of interest, if any; and
- h. Disclose any previous transgressions with any entity in Philippines or any other country, other national agencies, foreign governments, international organizations, local and international and financial institutions, and other procuring entities during the last three (3) years, or any debarment by any other procuring entity.

J. Responsibility of the Bidders

The Bidder must carefully examine the Bid Package, including the Procedures and Terms of Reference, and any Bid Bulletins that may be issued, and fully inform them of all conditions and matters that could affect their Bid in any way.

K. TEI Rights

- 1. TEI reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract in the following situations:

- a. During any Procurement process, if the Bids and Awards Committee ends-up with only one responsive Bid after evaluation of Bids, in such situation, the Bids and Awards Committee shall check as to whether while issuing the Bid Documents, all necessary requirements to encourage competition like standard Bid conditions, industry accepted specifications, wide publicity, sufficient time for formulation of Bids, etc. were fulfilled or not. If not, the Bid invitation shall be reissued after rectifying deficiencies. The Bid process shall be considered valid even if there is one responsive Bid, provided that:
 - i. The Bid is technically qualified
 - ii. adequate opportunity was provided to other potential Bidders
 - iii. the price quoted by the Bidder is assessed to be reasonable
 - iv. the Bid is unconditional and complete in all respects
 - v. there are no obvious indicators of collusion amongst Bidders
 - b. Further, if any Bidder/ Supplier/ Vendor has a conflict of interest with other Bidder(s)/ Supplier(s)/ Vendor(s) participating in the same Procurement process, the offers of all such Bidder(s)/ Supplier(s)/ Vendor(s) shall be rejected by Procuring Entity.
 - c. For any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the company as follows:
 - i. if the physical and economic conditions have significantly changed so as to render the project no longer economically, financially, or technically feasible as determined by the head of the procuring entity;
 - ii. if the project is no longer necessary as determined by the head of the procuring entity; and
 - iii. if the source of funds for the project has been withheld or reduced through no fault of the procuring entity.
2. To amend, revise, modify, or clarify the bid documents through the issuance of a Bid Bulletin at any time not later than one (1) week before the deadline of bid submission.

L. Bid Documents

The Bidder shall prepare two (2) Main Envelopes properly labeled, signed, and sealed with the following details:

1st Main Envelope

- ✓ Bidder's Company Name
- ✓ Project Name
- ✓ "Technical Requirements"

2nd Main Envelope

- ✓ Bidder's Company Name
- ✓ Project Name
- ✓ "Financial Offer"

1ST MAIN ENVELOPE:

The first (1st) main envelope for submission shall be in a softbound with labels and index numbers. The document must have a title page that matches the label of its envelope, and on the second page, a checklist of the requirements along with its index number.

1. Technical Requirements:

- a. Certification – as Manufacturer, Exclusive Distributor, Authorized Distributor, Partner, or Trader
- b. Specification Sheets/ Technical Data Sheets of the proposed type-tested Air-Insulated Switchgear, Control, and protection Panels
- c. Factory Type Test Report
- d. List of Customers supplied with similar 17.5kV or above type-tested Air-Insulated Switchgear, Control, and protection Panels, complete with customer contact details (Name, Address, Contact Number, and email address) and proof of final project acceptance or Delivery Receipt
- e. A certification for a local after-sales service or technical support based in the Philippines
- f. A certification for mechanical spare parts availability for at least ten (10) years
- g. A certification for electronic spare parts availability for at least five (5) years

h. A certification stating full compliance with this TOR

*** Documents must be original or a Certified True Copy

2nd MAIN ENVELOPE

2. Financial Offer:

a. Supplier Offer should be in Philippine Peso, VAT inclusive, with the VAT shown separately. The Supplier Offer should be printed on the Bidder's company letterhead and include the date and signature:

1st line for Philippine Peso Currency and/or

2nd line for US Dollar Currency

b. Warranty:

Mechanical Parts: minimum of 1 year upon energization

Electronic Parts: minimum of 5 years upon energization

c. Delivery/ Completion:

Eight (8) months after the approval of drawings

d. Incoterm:

Delivery Duties Paid (DDP) TEI, Brgy. Central, Tarlac City

e. Unloading: c/o TEI

f. Offer validity: 120 days

g. Payment Term: Bidder to propose

M. Requirement

a. Technical Specification/ Scope of Work (SOW):

▪ General Requirements

- Type

Metal-
enclosed,
Air-insulated

- Standards

IEC 62271-200

- Installation IEC 62271-100
 - Degree of Protection IEC62271-102
 - Service Life IEC 61869
 - Indoor IEC 60529
 - IP2X
 - >= 30 years
- **Electrical Ratings**
 - Rated Voltage 17.5 kV
 - Rated Continuous Current 1,250A/ 3150A
 - Rated Frequency 60 Hz
 - Power Frequency Withstand 38 kV (1 min.)
 - Peak Withstand Current 63 kA
 - Short-Time Withstand Current 40 kA for 3 secs.
 - Internal Arc Classification IAC: AFLR
- **Circuit Breaker (VCB)**
 - Type Vacuum Circuit Breaker, withdrawable
 - Breaking Capacity 31.5 kA/ 3s
 - Electrical Endurance Class E2
 - Mechanical Endurance Class M2
 - Operating Mechanism Spring-charged Stored energy
- **Interoperability Capability**
 - The circuit breaker shall be capable of interoperability with control and protection panels of different manufacturers through IEC 61850 and standard hardwired interfaces.
- **Description of Work:**
 - Provide a formal offer for the supply of the item for approval
 - If awarded, provide shop drawings and specifications for approval
 - The Winning Bidder shall provide updates on the progress and any concerns that might affect the result of what was agreed in the approved submitted offer
 - The Winning Bidder shall assemble, test, and commission the supplied Air Insulated Switch Gear

- The Winning Bidder shall conduct the control wiring with power transformers, disconnect switches, and the like to the Remote Merging Unit
 - The Winning Bidder must perform both primary and secondary current injection testing, IEC61850 testing, and integration into the existing SCADA of the supplied items.
- **Key Activities**
- On-time submission of formal offer with approved specifications
 - On-time submission of shop drawings and specifications for approval
 - Timely updates on the progress of work and the actual date of delivery
- In compliance with IEC Standards for Medium-voltage, metal-enclosed switchgear used for voltages above 1 kV, and up to 52 kV (IEC 62271-200), fulfilling the following conditions:
- LSC (Loss of Service Continuity), separate partitions for busbars, switching devices, and connection compartments
 - Partition Class PM (Metallic Partition)
 - Internal Arc Classification: IAC A FLR
 - Testing Requirements:
 - ✓ Dielectric tests
 - ✓ Temperature rise tests
 - ✓ Short-circuit withstand tests
 - ✓ Internal arc tests
- There will be a 17.5kV Smart Air-Insulated Switchgear, 31.5kA/ 3S, 3150A, 7-panel (1-Main Incoming Feeder, 5 Outgoing Feeders, 1 Station Service Feeder) integrated with digital monitoring, control, and communication technology whose features include
- Real-Time Monitoring and Diagnostics (uses sensors and IoT technology to track voltage, current, temperature, and other relative parameters)
 - Remote Control and Automation (can be controlled remotely via SCADA)
 - Sensor-based current and voltage measurement (non-conventional CT/VT)

- Uses data analytics to predict failures before they happen
 - Energy Efficiency Optimization (help in load management and reducing energy losses)
 - Use LC-LC multimode fiber optic cables to connect the station and process buses, supporting both IEC 61850 and DNP 3.0 protocols. Each merging unit will have two fiber ports---one for the bus station and one for the process bus.
 - Gateway 1 and Gateway 2 (Advantech or equivalent brand) will be used for protocol handling
 - Siemens Ruggedcom or equivalent devices will ensure reliable and secure network communication
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- There shall be Remote Merging Units that are responsible for the digital monitoring, control, and communication technology of switchgear. These features will depend on the equipment requirement as reflected in the Network Topology Diagram and shall include:
 - Real-Time Monitoring (voltage, current, and other relative parameters)
 - Remote Control and Automation (can be controlled remotely via SCADA)
 - Communication capabilities for station and process bus, which will be connected via LC-LC fiber optics, supporting IEC 61850 and DNP 3.0.
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- There will be 69kV Control and Protection Panels integrated with digital monitoring, control, and communication technology whose features depend on the high voltage equipment requirement as reflected in the Single-Line Diagram and shall include:
 - Remote Control and Automation (can be controlled remotely via SCADA)
 - Communication capabilities for the station and process bus, which will be connected via fiber optics (to be supplied by TEI), supporting IEC 61850 and DNP 3.0, 4 RU Rack-Mount Fiber Enclosure
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- Factory Acceptance Test (FAT)
 - For three (3) TEI Engineers, inclusive of airfare, accommodation, meals, and transportation

- Deliverables:
 - Submission of both softcopy and hardcopy of all related factory-type test results and as-built drawings of the air-insulated switchgear and its accessories
 - Submission of both hardcopy and softcopy of the air-insulated switchgear's Installation, Operation, and Maintenance (IOM) manual
 - Knowledge transfer of settings and configuration of the relays and network switches
 - Provision of all control wiring diagrams as-built documents

- b. Minimum Quantity to be Procured
 - 1 lot, inclusive of the following spares:
 - 3 units of miniature circuit breakers of each rating
 - 3 units of universal protection device (relays with merging unit capability)

- c. Bid Security Requirement
 - Php 325,000 or USD 5,500.00

- d. Performance Security/ Guarantee
 - At least 20% of the contract amount, subject to the terms and conditions agreed with the winning bidder

- e. Eligibility Conditions
 - Accreditation Requirements, Secretary Certificate or Board Resolution or certification signed by the Company's President/Owner for the Authorized Signatory and Representative, Expression of Interest (EOI), Non-Disclosure Undertaking (NDU), Data Privacy Consent Form (DPCF), Declaration Form (DF), and latest ISO 9001 Certification

- f. Bid Evaluation and Selection Criteria for the Determination of the Successful Bidder
 - Lowest financial offer from the technically qualified bidder

- g. Quality checks/ User acceptance testing processes
 - FAT Result
 - Physical and Test Report

- Primary and secondary current injection testing, IEC61850 testing, and integration into the existing SCADA of the supplied items
- h. Penalties Applicable
 - 1/10 of 1% for every day of delay, not exceeding 10% of the total project cost
- i. Bid Form/s
 - Annex I: Financial Offer
- j. Terms & Conditions for Fulfillment of the Contract
 - Factory Test Reports
 - Complete delivery without Quality Issues
 - Complete delivery documents (DR, Invoice, Packing List, and Warranty Certificate)
 - Protection, Control, and Communication Testing Report
 - Softcopy and hardcopy of all related factory-type test results and as-built drawings of the air-insulated switchgear and its accessories
 - Control wiring diagrams as-built documents
 - Installation, Operation, and Maintenance (IOM) manual
 - Knowledge transfer of settings and configuration of the relays and network switches
 - Compliance with this TOR

N. SCHEDULE

PARTICULARS	DATE
1. Publication	May 18, 2026
2. Accreditation and EOI submission	until May 25, 2026, 1:00 pm
3. Pre-bid Conference	May 26, 2026, 9:30 am via MS Teams
4. Bidder Clarification	until June 2, 2026, 5:00 pm
5. Bid Submission due date	June 11, 2026, 5:00 pm , softcopy via TEI e-Procurement and hardcopy at TEI, San Rafael, Tarlac City
6. Bid Opening	June 16, 2026, 2:00 pm
7. Evaluation, Clarification, and Negotiation	until June 23, 2026
8. Final Bid Assessment, Recommendation, and Approval	until July 1, 2026
9. Announcement of the Winning Bidder	July 1, 2026, onwards

O. Clarification and amendment of Bidding Documents

The Prospective Bidders may request TEI for further information or clarification of the Bidding Documents via email. TEI will respond in kind to any request for information or clarification not later than one (1) week before the bid submission due date. TEI's response will be sent via email and/ or e-Procurement to all qualified Bidders via Bid Bulletin.

All communications must be addressed to the BAC-Secretariat, whose contact details are more particularly described as follows:

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Annex I: Offer Format

[Bidder's Letterhead]

FINANCIAL OFFER

Date:

TARLAC ELECTRIC INC.
Mabini St., Tarlac City

Attention: Ms. Maria Elisa Abaya
BAC-Chairman

Project No.:
Project Name:

Dear Madam,

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Qty.	Description	Unit Price (VAT Exclusive)	VAT (12%)	Price (VAT Inclusive)
1 Lot	XXX	Php	Php	Php
	Note: Attach the complete BOM and BOQ with the corresponding amount per item	USD	USD	USD

Note: This offer is fully compliant with TEI's TOR for the above project number.

Terms and Conditions

Warranty for the mechanical parts: minimum of one (1) year upon energization
Warranty for electronic components: minimum of five (5) years upon energization
Incoterm: Delivery Duties Paid (DDP), TEI, Brgy. Central, Tarlac City
Delivery: Eight (8) months after the approval of drawings
Unloading: c/o TEI
Offer validity: 120 days
Payment Term: Bidder to propose

Other Remarks:

Prepared by: Name, Designation, Signature
Date: