MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY (MERALCO)
Ortigas Center, Brgy. Ugong, Pasig City

INVITATION TO BID

(BAC CONTROL NO. IT1126-1025-1)

ACQUISITION OF REDHAT ENTERPRISE LINUX EXTENDED LIFECYCLE SUPPORT (RHEL ELS) SUBSCRIPTION (2027-2029)

Interested vendors are invited to participate in the bidding for Acquisition of RedHat Enterprise Linux Extended Lifecycle Support (RHEL ES) Subscription (2027-2029) with the following objectives.

Project Objectives:

The proposed renewal of the **Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) Extended Life Cycle Support (ELS)** subscription aims to ensure the continued supportability, security, operational stability of legacy RHEL environments that remain critical to business operations. The ELS subscription will provide extended access to essential vendor support and maintenance services while application migration and decommissioning plans are being implemented.

- Maintain active **RHEL ELS** coverage for legacy RHEL systems.
- Ensure continued access to security patches, bug fixes, and vendor support.
- Sustain the availability and reliability of business-critical applications.
- Minimize operational and cybersecurity risks associated with unsupported platforms.
- Support application migration, modernization, and decommissioning initiatives.
- Prevent service disruptions through continued vendor-backed support.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME
Submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) and Eligibility Requirements	November 12 — 19, 2026	Until 11:59 PM of November 19, 2026
Issuance of Bid Documents	November 24, 2026	Until 11:59 PM of November 24, 2026

Interested vendors must submit the following for eligibility to participate in the bidding:

A. For All Vendors:
1. Vendor must be an authorized Red Hat partner and shall submit proof of partnership or authorization from Red Hat to sell and support Red Hat software products.
2. Vendor must submit at least one (1) client reference, certificate of completion, contract, purchase order, or equivalent document demonstrating successful delivery, implementation, or support of Red Hat solutions for an enterprise customer.
3. Vendor must provide documentation evidencing the qualifications of the technical personnel to be assigned to the project, such as Red Hat certifications, training certificates, and/or Certificates of Employment (COE).

B. For MERALCO Accredited Vendors:
1. Certificate of MERALCO vendor accreditation. For accreditation renewals, submit proof that the renewal process is ongoing.

C. For Non-Accredited Vendors:
1. Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the last three (3) years with the signed and notarized "Sworn Affidavit of Truth and Accuracy of Submitted Documents"
2. Company Profile with the following details:
   - Company Overview
   - Organization Type (must be a corporation)
   - Line of Business
   - Date of Registration
   - Chairman/CEO
   - Total Spend for the last three (3) years

Non-accredited vendors must undergo the MERALCO accreditation process and must already be accredited by the time of the award.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:
- **Submit the LOI and eligibility documents as PDF email attachments using a business email address that includes the company's domain name**.
- Keep each email submission within the 15MB size limit. Submissions may be divided into multiple emails.
- **Send to Meralco_BAC_Secretariat@meralco.com.ph and group.enterprise@meralco.com.ph.**
- **Subject: IT1126-1025-1 | LOI | ACQUISITION OF RHEL ELS SUBSCRIPTION (2027-2029) | *VENDOR NAME***
- **Deadline: November 19, 2026, 11:59 PM**; late submissions, whether completely or partially received on MERALCO's servers, will be considered invalid.
- Bid documents shall only be issued to vendors who submit an LOI and meet the eligibility requirements.

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As part of cybersecurity protection, email addresses created from non-secure, free, or open third-party domains or sources will not be accepted as company email addresses. Eligibility documents submitted through external document links shall also not be accepted. Subsequent bid submissions by eligible vendors must also be sent as file attachments using business email addresses only.

The following shall also serve as basis during bid evaluation:
- Assessment of vendor's financial condition through financial review. To be considered for the award, vendors must be able to show a gross revenue for the year or capitalization that exceeds the total project value.

MERALCO reserves the right to:

1. Accept any bid, reject any or all bids, and/or annul the bidding process in its entirety at any time prior to the award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders or any obligation to inform the participating bidders of the grounds for MERALCO's action; and
2. Issue an addendum to the Invitation to Bid at any time as a result of questions, changes in schedule, or other relevant matters.

By submitting a bid/proposal, the Bidder signifies its acceptance of and commitment to comply with all bidding requirements, terms, conditions, specifications, and contract provisions contained in the bidding documents, including the draft Contract Agreement.

Interested vendors may obtain further information through the MERALCO Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat and Category Management for ICT via email to Meralco_BAC_Secretariat@meralco.com.ph and group.enterprise@meralco.com.ph, respectively.

Bid Document Fee (non-refundable): Maximum of ₱ 3,000.00 VAT exclusive, shall be paid upon submission of bids.

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LUISITO B. ACUÑA
Chairman, MERALCO Bids and Awards Committee

MERALCO employs strict cybersecurity controls. Kindly refer to the following link for the Vendor Cybersecurity Advisory: https://company.meralco.com.ph/news-and-advisories/supply-chain-management-invitations-bid