



**Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
PHILIPPINE RACING COMMISSION**

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

The Philippine Racing Commission invites all interested suppliers, which are registered in Philippine Government Procurement System (PhilGEPS), to submit their lowest price quotation on the item listed below:

NAME OF PROJECT	PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTING SERVICE FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EQUINE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM
APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT	ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS & 00/100 (Php 150,000.00)

Deadline of Submission of Quotation: 28 January 2021

All entries in the quotation must be typewritten in company's letterhead, duly signed by the supplier/dealer or its duly authorized representative. The price quotation, to be denominated in Philippine peso, shall include all taxes, duties and/or levies payable. The quoted prices shall be considered fixed and not subject to price escalation during contract implementation. Price validity must be for a period of thirty (30) days from submission of quotation.

Open quotations may be submitted manually or through facsimile or email at the address or contact numbers indicated below.

The quotation shall be submitted not later than 28 January 2021.

Please coordinate with Mr. Eric dela Cruz, Head-BAC Secretariat, at bac@philracom.gov.ph for further inquiries/clarifications.


RONALD A. CORPUZ
Philracom BAC Chairman

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTING SERVICE FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EQUINE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

I. BACKGROUND

A. HISTORY OF THE PHILIPPINE RACING COMMISSION (PHILRACOM)

PHILRACOM was constituted in 1974 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 420 signed by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos for the purpose of restoring integrity in the sport of horse racing to make it compatible with the ideals of sports development under the New Society.

Presidential Decree No. 420 mandated the Commission to promote and direct the accelerated development and continued growth of horse racing not only in pursuance of the sports development program but also in order to insure the full exploitation of the sport as a source of revenue and employment.

Under the said decree, the Commission is empowered to prescribe additional rules and regulations not otherwise inconsistent therewith.

At present, there are three racing clubs in the country - namely, the Philippine Racing Club, Inc., the Manila Jockey Club, Inc., and the Metro Manila Turf Club, Inc. - all of which are under the supervision and control of PHILRACOM to ensure integrity at all times.

In August 2016, PHILRACOM achieved a milestone after being formally accepted as a member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), whose mission is to promote good regulation and best practices on international matters pertaining to the sport.

PHILRACOM's induction to the 60-nation Federation has opened avenues to modernize and raise the standards of the sport to international levels.

Hence, the Commission, after the lifting of the Temporary Restraining Order on the implementation of the Drug Testing Program, pursued to re-establish it to promote fair play and protect the health and welfare of the race horses and safety of their riders.

Unit IV of PHILRACOM Rules and Regulations on Horse Racing regarding Prohibited Substances and Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW) published by IFHA clearly states that all Racing Authorities should implement the Program as part of

harmonizing the best practices globally in enhancing the public confidence in the integrity of the sports.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

It is the main aspiration of every racing and breeding authority to absolutely protect the integrity of horse racing. One of the means to achieve this is through screening and controlling the use of substances capable of giving a horse an advantage or being disadvantaged in a race contrary to the horse's inherent merits (IABRW, IFHA 2019).

This will also contribute to the true development of the breed and protect the welfare of trainers, riders, other direct participants and most especially the horse itself. The interest of the race going public shall be likewise safeguarded with the belief that they are wagering or betting on the horses with their true capabilities and potentials.

The Drug Testing Laboratory and collection facilities are part of the franchise of every racing club. For the mean time that the Laboratory in each club are not yet operational, the Commission deems it necessary to set-up its own Drug Testing Laboratory and hire Registered Chemists as part of its regulatory function in monitoring the use of selected substances during the conduct of horse racing and engage the services of a Professional Consultant who will be able to provide the technical expertise on this matter.

For this Terms of Reference, PHILRACOM shall also serve as the contracting party.

II. RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

A. RATIONALE OF THE PROJECT

Several consultative meetings conducted with the industry stakeholders showed that it is about time for the re-implementation of Drug Testing Program for the local horseracing industry. Among the countries in Asia that conducts the sports of horse racing, the Philippines has long been suspended the screening and monitoring of illegal and controlled substances used in race horses.

The use of chemical or drugs either to intentionally lose a race or masked the pain or lameness of a horse is detrimental to its health and welfare. It also poses danger to the riders and misleading to the betting public not knowing that the horse they are betting are not fully capable of giving the best chance of winning.

Reimplementation of the Program has been long delayed due to lack of facility specifically intended for racehorses thus the establishment of the Drug Testing Laboratory as part of the Equine Laboratory and Diagnostic Laboratory (ELDC) in Carmona, Cavite. Having the Lab is one thing and hiring those who will operate is another. Registered Chemists were trained in handling, sample preparation and running confirmatory tests but there is no expert yet in the

equine drug testing in the country who can assist us to thoroughly implement the Program.

Hiring of a local expert on Screening and Confirmatory Drug Testing will ensure that the stakeholders understand, accept and support the procedures and the processes involved in implementing the Drug Testing Program for a fair, consistent, and more transparent conduct of horse racing in the country, and an improved competitiveness in races, which is befitting of a new IFHA member.

B. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The project aims to:

1. Re-establish the Equine Drug Testing Program and will be spearheaded by the Philippine Racing Commission (PHILRACOM) through collaboration with the racing clubs (PRCI, MJCI and MMTCI).
2. Hire a Professional Consultant who also assisted in the implementation of the Drug Testing Program and other Drug Screening and Confirmatory programs of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and/or the Philippine National Police (PNP).
3. Train the Registered Chemists by the Professional Consultant to use the various equipment and reagents in detecting the substances used in racehorses. The trainings will be continued in the Drug Testing Laboratory at ELDC and when needed at a well-established local laboratories which the Consultant may see fit or at specific Equine Drug Testing Laboratory abroad.
4. Test initially, two classifications of drugs and these are commonly known as “Downers” (or Depressants) and Analgesics (or Pain relievers). “Downers” are used to depress the horse and are used in horses intended to lose a race, while Analgesics masked the pain of the horse which is detrimental to the health and welfare of both the horse and its rider.
5. Encourage the establishment of the laboratory in the compound of the racetrack of each racing club. For the mean time while the building or laboratory facilities in each racing club are not yet established, the Drug Testing laboratory at PHILRACOM –ELDC will be utilized to perform the drug testing for them.
6. Utilize the Drug Testing facilities in the three racetracks for collection of samples (urine and/or blood samples) in every race. The racing clubs shall also provide storage for duplicate samples.

III. SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE CONSULTING SERVICES

Name of Service:	Consulting Services for PHILRACOM's Equine Drug Testing Program
Location:	NCR, CALABARZON
Duration:	6 months
Source of Fund:	Other MOOE from 2020 GAA

A. Preparatory Phase:

1. Establishment of the Drug Testing Laboratory at the PHILRACOM-ELDC.
2. Review and evaluate the current guidelines used in PHILRACOM's Drug Testing and apply the best practices implemented and accepted in Screening and Confirmation of Drugs in all racing authorities.
3. Training and workshop on GC-MS Confirmatory methods of Analysis of the Laboratory Head and Chemists in an established Drug Testing Laboratory
4. Continuation of training of Laboratory Personnel on the preparation of samples and use of the GC-MS at the ELDC with the guidance of the Consultant.

B. Data Gathering/Processing:

- Meet and conduct focus group discussions with interested, and other data collection activities;
- Observe the conduct of horseracing and make a work flow on how the Program will be implemented as a post-race screening and evaluation of selected horses for Drug Testing;

C. Preparation and Presentation of Results:

1. Review and compile a report on the findings of the initial stages of the implementation, submit recommendations, and draw up definitive guidelines for PHILRACOM's Drug Testing Program, if necessary;
2. Facilitate and act as Resource Speaker during PHILRACOM's presentation of the Drug Testing Program to industry participants;

D. TIMELINES AND DELIVERABLES

TIMELINE and DELIVERABLES	
February - April, 2021 (3rd PHASE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the proposed guidelines for PHILRACOM's Drug Testing Program to the stakeholders;• Observe/watch live horseracing at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite and Evaluate work flow on how the Program is being implemented as a post-race evaluation of selected horses for Drug Testing;
May – July , 2021 (Final PHASE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Evaluation Report, Recommendation to PHILRACOM's Drug Testing Program

IV. CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS

The consultant to undertake the study shall have the following qualifications:

1. Certificate of Accreditation from the Department of Health as Confirmatory Laboratory;
2. License to Operate as Chemical Laboratory from the PRC Board of Chemistry;
3. Appropriate PDEA permit/s to procure, handle, and conduct research on reference standards and other controlled substances;
4. Professional consultant and facilitator must be members of internationally known organization for forensic drug testing;
5. Facilitators and trainers must be duly Registered chemists;
6. Proof of PHILGEPS registration.

- *Minimum of five (5) years professional involvement in the Confirmatory Drug Testing for the Laboratory;*
- *The head must have professional experience of at least thirty (30) years in forensic toxicology or toxic substances*

V. INSTITUTIONAL SET-UP/RESPONBILITIES

A. Responsibilities of PHILRACOM

1. Shall be the executing agency for the engagement of consulting services;
2. Shall be responsible in the approval/acceptance of all deliverables/outputs of the consultant;
3. Shall evaluate all request for payments/billings and determine the acceptability/correctness of the same;
4. Shall provide or facilitate the provision, upon the request of the consultant, available information/data and also, if available, copies of previous related studies subject to the execution of a non-disclosure agreement, if necessary;
5. Shall supervise and provide the over-all guidance to the consultant on the general direction of the expected deliverables based on the project/study objectives;
6. Shall facilitate and coordinate with other government agencies and other stakeholders in request for necessary interview meetings and document collection necessary for the project;
7. Shall extend assistance in the coordination, preparation, and arrangement of venue, equipment, materials and other logistics for the various meetings;
8. Shall define the acceptability of the deliverables and shall be the approving authority for all project-related activities;
9. Shall shoulder the cost and expense for airfare, travel, hotel accommodation, meals and other necessary and incidental cost in the project.

B. Responsibilities of Consultant

1. Shall be working under the supervision of PHILRACOM, and all related activities relative to the project;
2. Shall be responsible for the timely delivery of results/outputs as indicated under Section III of this TOR;
3. Shall be directly reporting to PHILRACOM, provide regular updates on the activities and outputs, and make himself physically available for consultation as the need arises;
4. Shall accept full responsibility for the consulting services to be performed under this TOR;
5. Shall perform his tasks with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.
6. Shall not assign nor sub-contract any part of the professional services under this TOR to any person or firm, except with prior consent of PHILRACOM. The approval by the Government to the assignment of any part of said services or to the engagement by the Consultant of sub-contractors to perform any part of the same shall not relieve the consulting firm of any obligations under this TOR.

VI. APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT (ABC)

The procurement of consulting services shall be through negotiated procurement. The ABC is *ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS AND 00/100 PESOS (Php 150,000.00)*, inclusive of all the applicable government taxes and charges and professional fees.

The consulting contract is a fixed price contract. Any extension of contract time shall not involve any additional cost to the Government.

VII. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment shall be made upon completion of each phase on the following day or upon submission of the report for the accomplished period/phase.

The payment will be divided into 2 payments or 50% of the ABC for each phase accomplished.

VIII. OWNERSHIP OF THE OUTPUTS/REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

All reports, forms, pictures, graphics, software, data system and other materials prepared and generated by the consultant shall belong to and remain as the property of PHILRACOM. The Consultant shall turn over these materials to PHILRACOM in digital format stored in CD/DVD/USB. In addition, all reports enumerated in Section III shall be submitted on the scheduled dates.

IX. CONFORMANCE WITH THE EXISTING LAWS

The procurement process for this undertaking shall be executed in accordance with Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.