



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEW MAJOR PLAYER IN THE PHILIPPINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET

1. The **National Telecommunications Commission**, pursuant to NTC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 09-09-2018 “*Rules and Regulations on the Selection Process for a New Major Player in the Philippine Telecommunications Market*”¹, shall select a New Major Player (NMP) for the Philippine telecommunications market and assign the following radio frequencies:

- a. **Primary Radio Frequencies (Sec. 3.1 of the MC)**

FREQUENCY BAND	FREQUENCY RANGE
700 MHz	738.0 – 748.0 MHz
	793.0 – 803.0 MHz
2100 MHz	1955.0 – 1970.0 MHz
	2145.0 – 2160.0 MHz
2000 MHz	2010.0 – 2025.0 MHz
2.5 GHz	2535.0 – 2555.0 MHz
3.3 GHz	3300.0 – 3400.0 MHz
3.5 GHz	3480.0 – 3520.0 MHz

- b. **Contingent Radio Frequencies (Sec. 3.2 of the MC)**

In the event that there is a final and executory decision or resolution by the Courts in favor of the government in the consolidated cases of “*Bayan Telecommunications, Inc. vs. NTC G.R. No. 191656, Multi-Media Telephony, Inc. vs. NTC G.R. No. 205603 and Next Mobile Inc. vs. NTC G.R. No. 189221,*” the NTC shall, within a reasonable period of time, also assign the following radio frequencies to the NMP:

FREQUENCY BAND	FREQUENCY RANGE
2100 MHz	1970.0 – 1980.0 MHz
	2160.0 – 2170.0 MHz

Nothing in the Selection Process shall be construed as granting to a participant the right to expect that the terms of its commitments shall anticipate the eventual assignment of the Contingent Radio Frequencies or for the NMP to expect that the terms of its commitments and obligations to be bound by an assignment by

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NTC of such Contingent Radio Frequencies free and clean of all claims that have been interposed by various parties in several pending cases involving the Contingent Radio Frequencies.

2. The NTC therefore invites interested and qualified participants to submit their Committed Level of Service (CLOs) to compete as the NMP for the Philippine Telecommunications Market and the assignment of the above-mentioned radio frequencies. The qualifications of an eligible participant are provided for in **Sec. 1.10 and Sec. 2 of the MC**.

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 11 of Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Commonwealth Act 146, as amended, participants must strictly comply with the foreign equity limitations.

The Selection Process shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in **Sec. 7 of the MC**. The NMP shall be selected pursuant to the Highest Committed Level of Service (HCLoS) model using the Selection Criteria prescribed in **Sec. 4 of the MC**, *i.e.*, (a) National Population Coverage, (b) Minimum Average Broadband Speed, and (c) Capital and Operational Expenditure.

3. Selection Documents with CLOs below the recognized minimum levels in any of the afore-mentioned criteria shall be declared non-compliant and shall immediately be set-aside (**Sec. 4.2 of the MC**). Likewise, the Selection Documents of any Participant shall be set-aside if any documentary requirement is found to be false or invalid during the Document Verification Phase, or at any stage of the Selection Process (**Sec. 7.5 of the MC**).

4. A complete set of the Instructions to Participants may be obtained by interested participants starting **08 October 2018 (8:00AM to 5:00PM)** from the **NMP Selection Committee Secretariat, Equipment Standards Division Room, 4th Floor, National Telecommunications Commission – Central Office, BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City**, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **One Million Pesos (₱1,000,000.00)** pursuant to **Sec. 7.1(d) of the MC**. This fee shall be payable in cash or through bank manager's/cashier's check payable to the "National Telecommunications Commission" and paid to the NTC Cashier at NTC Central Office, BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

For reference, a copy of the Instructions to Participants may also be downloaded from the NTC website - **www.ntc.gov.ph**.

5. A Pre-Selection Information Session shall be held on **15 October 2018 at 9:30AM to 12:00PM** at the **NTC Multi-Purpose Hall, 4th Floor, NTC Central Office Building, BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City**, which shall be open to all prospective participants and interested stakeholders (**Sec. 7.3 of the MC**).

A training workshop for the **NMP Selection Document Form A** shall be conducted immediately after the Pre-Selection Information Session. All