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Description

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Preparation of White Paper for Intra-ASEAN and International Travel Facilitation

I. Background

Article 2 of the ASEAN Tourism Agreement on 2002 states the Facilitation of Intra-ASEAN and International Travel:1

Member States shall facilitate travel within and into ASEAN by:

1. Extending visa exemption arrangement for nationals of ASEAN Member States traveling within the region on the basis of bilateral visa exemption agreements concluded between the Member States that are ready to do so;
2. Harmonizing the procedures for issuing visas to international travelers;
3. Phasing out travel levies and travel taxes on nationals of ASEAN Member States traveling to the other ASEAN Member States;
4. Encouraging the use of smart cards for ASEAN business and frequent travelers and, where appropriate, for cross-border travel on the basis of bilateral agreements concluded between the Member States that are ready to do so;

5. Improving communications with international travelers through the use of universal symbols and multi-lingual signs and forms; and
6. Easing the process of issuance of travel documents and progressively reducing all travel barriers.'

The ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) have developed the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (ATSP) 2016-2025, which serves as the blueprint of ASEAN in strengthening the tourism sector within the region. The ATSP 2016-2025 has a guiding vision for the development of ASEAN as a single tourist destination:

"By 2025, ASEAN will be a quality tourism destination offering a unique, diverse ASEAN experience, and will be committed to responsible, sustainable, inclusive and balanced tourism development, so as to contribute significantly to the socio-economic well-being of ASEAN people. "3

1 ASEAN Secretariat — http://asean.orgPstatic_post=asean-tourism-agreement-2

2 ASEAN Secretariat — http://asean.org/?static_post=asean-tourism-agreement-2

3 ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025

Strategic Direction 1 of the ATSP 2016-2025 is to Enhance the competitiveness of ASEAN as a single tourism destination. Under this strategic direction, Enhance Travel Facilitation is one of its strategic action programs. As indicated in the ATSP 2016-2025 Workplan for 2016-2017 Activity 1.7.1, the ASEAN NTOs must Prepare a White Paper to implement the facilitation of intra-ASEAN and international travel (Article 2 of ASEAN Tourism Agreement 2002)4

During the ASEAN Tourism Competitiveness Committee Meeting last October 11-12, 2016, the Philippines was elected as Lead Country Coordinator for Activity 1.7.1. With the Philippines being the Lead Country Coordinator for the White Paper on ASEAN Tourism Travel Facilitation, it is important to engage the services of a consultant to facilitate the preparation of the said White Paper.

II. Objective of the Study

The objective of the study is to evaluate the current travel facilitation environment of ASEAN from the tourism industry/travellers' viewpoint and produce a white paper that will outline recommendations and implementation strategy to enhance travel into and within ASEAN of tourism markets.

III. Scope of Services

The DOT is requesting the services of a Consultant with comprehensive knowledge and understanding in travel facilitation particularly in APEC, ASEAN and in other regional/ economic organizations. The consultant shall undertake the following tasks:

1. Conduct research related to travel facilitation, to wit:

- a) Analyze the current situation (i.e. trends, patterns, and issues) related to the existing visa arrangements for international tourists (i.e. ASEAN Nationals and non-ASEAN tourists) travelling to and within ASEAN, travel taxes/levies, and border control policies and procedures (i.e. customs, immigration, quarantine, security) in relation to enhancing tourist mobility;
- b) Conduct comparative analysis on ASEAN Bilateral Agreements and Immigration Policies
- c) Based on (a) and (b), map out and verify the issues raised by the industry and analyze the practices representing an obstacle to potential visa applicants and their impacts on tourism;
ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025 Workplan for 2016-2017
- d) Identify and document existing best practices (including the use of e-commerce in enhancing travel facilitation) of select ASEAN members including the impacts on the tourism industry's performance;

2. Based on (1), design and disseminate survey questionnaires with travellers and travel agents from the select target markets on the current ASEAN members' travel facilitation initiatives and potential facilitation measures to enhance mobility in order to have a deeper understanding of preferences in choosing destinations;

3. Assist DOT in working with ASEAN Tourism Secretariat and other working groups such as Foreign Affairs, Transport and Immigration and other relevant stakeholders in data gathering;

4. Analyze key findings of the survey and other pertinent information on travel facilitation

5. Identify policy options and the preferred option to enhance ASEAN and international travel facilitation

6. Propose recommendations and implementation strategy to implement the preferred policy option

7. White Paper to ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) and relevant ASEAN Working Groups

III. Output/ Report Requirement

The consultant shall submit the following outputs:

1. White Paper on the facilitation of intra-ASEAN and international travel
2. Survey questionnaire and analysis
3. Presentation to the ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs)

4. Documentation of the white paper preparation activities

IV. Budget

The budget for this undertaking is FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (pHP 450,000.00) chargeable against OTDPRIM GAA Fund for 2017.

V. Proposed Timeline

Date Activities

February - March 2018

Conduct research on intra-ASEAN and international travel facilitation including CIQ processes and visa arrangements.

Conduct comparative analysis on ASEAN Bilateral Agreements and Travel Facilitation Policies.

Design, disseminate and administer survey questionnaires for ASEAN member states on travel facilitation

April 2018

Data interpretation and analysis

Presentation of survey result

Prepare economic impact analysis on policy options

May - June 2018

Preparation of the Draft White Paper for consideration of the ASEAN Member States

Revision of the White Paper

July 2018

Finalization and presentation of the White Paper in the ASEAN National Tourism Organization (NTOs) Meeting

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Eligibility Documents Submission Form (Annex A)

2. Class "A" Documents:

a. Mayor's/Business permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidders is located, or the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas; and

(In case of recently expired Mayor's/Business permit, submission of the expired Mayor's/Business permit together with the official receipt (renewal) shall be accepted, provided that the renewed permit shall be submitted as a post-qualification requirement in accordance with Section 34.2 of the IRR of RA9184

For individual consultants not registered under a sole proprietorship, a BIR Certification of Registration shall be submitted, in lieu of DTI registration and Mayor's/Business permit; and

** For methods of procurement requiring Mayor's Permit and PHILGEPS Registration Number, Certificate of Platinum Membership may be submitted in lieu of the said documents.

b. Philgeps Registration Number

c. Latest Income/Business Tax Return (For ABCs above Php500K)

d. Professional License/Curriculum Vitae

e. Original or Certified True copy of Duly Notarized Omnibus Sworn Statement (see attached form)

NOTE: FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER THE SHORT LISTING OF BIDDERS

Deadline for the submission of documents: March 5, 2018 5:00 pm.

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