

October 29, 2026

NOTICE OF AWARD – RFP DDEC-2026-17

This Notice of Award is issued to all proponents that submitted proposals in response to the above-referenced RFP.

I. Background

On August 31, 2026, the Department of Economic Development and Commerce ("DDEC") issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for *Authorized Abila and Sage Technical Assistance Firm to Sell and Provide Support for MIP Fund accounting and FAS Gov.*

The Department invites qualified firms to submit proposals in response to RFP DDEC 2026-17 for the procurement of professional and technical assistance services to support DDEC's Finance and Accounting Office in the operation, maintenance, and optimization of the MIP Fund Accounting and FAS Gov systems. The services contemplated under this RFP include, among others, professional and technical assistance; system maintenance and upgrades; support to Local Areas; software maintenance and security; management of backups and user access; troubleshooting; and training for DEDC users and Local Area staff.

The public notice was announced on August 31, 2026, on the official DDEC website and in the newspaper Primera Hora. On September 14, 2026, the DDEC posted an Extension Notice on its website, setting September 18, 2026, as the new deadline for submitting proposals.

By September 18, 2026, the following proponents submitted their proposals:

1. Ramírez Flores & Co. PSC
2. Softek in collaboration with J. Santana & Associates, Inc.

The Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposals from Ramírez Flores & Co., PSC and Softek, in collaboration with J. Santana & Associates, Inc. After identifying pending mandatory or technical requirements, both bidders were later asked for additional information. Although they responded to the request, Softek did not provide the requested authorized supplier certifications. Finally, on October 22, 2026, the Committee recommended Ramírez Flores & Co, PSC since it is the only eligible bidder.

II. Evaluation of Requests for Proposals

All respondents were evaluated in accordance with the instructions, methods and criteria established by the DDEC and the RFP package.

- Mandatory Requirements (Pass/Fail)
- Qualifications (55 points)
- Approach to scope of work (30 points)
- Cost to Proposal (15 points)

The DDEC evaluation considered responsiveness to mandatory or technical requirements, overall merit under the stated factors, and the best value to the DDEC.

III. Awarded Proponent

After completing the evaluation process in accordance with the RFP and applicable laws and regulations, the DDEC hereby awards the contract for the referenced Project/Services to the proponents identified below.

Ramirez Flores & Co., PSC
Awarded Item: RFP DDEC-2026-17
Total Cost: \$649,288.69

The proposal submitted by Ramirez Flores & Co., PSC, was evaluated according to the criteria established in the RFP specifications. Ramirez Flores & Co. PSC was recommended since it is the only eligible bidder.

IV. Non-Awarded Proponents

The DDEC received timely proposals from the following offeror:

Softek in collaboration with J. Santana & Associates, Inc.- Total Cost: \$528,350.00
○ The Proponent did not provide the requested authorized supplier certifications.

V. Administrative Reconsideration

Any person, party or entity that considers itself having been adversely affected by this award determination may file a written petition for reconsideration before the Secretary within the twenty (20) days from the date on which the copy of the Award Notice is duly notified, as established in Act 38-2017, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedures of the Government of Puerto Rico Act.

The petition for reconsideration must include: (i) a copy of this Notice of Award; (ii) the detailed grounds and supporting evidence for reconsideration; and (iii) a clear statement of the specific relief requested. The moving party must notify the DDEC of the motion/petition and include proof that the motion/petition was notified to the Awarded and Non-Awarded Proponents within the applicable term.

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Within fifteen (15) days of filing, the DDEC must consider the Petition for Reconsideration. If the Motion for Reconsideration is summarily denied or no action is taken within those fifteen (15) days, the term to seek judicial review begins to run again upon notice of the denial or upon expiration of the fifteen (15) day period, as applicable. If the Motion for Reconsideration is considered on the merits, the term to seek judicial review begins to run from the date a copy of the DDEC's final resolution deciding reconsideration is served. The final resolution must be issued and filed/entered in the record within ninety (90) days after the Motion of Reconsideration is filed.

If the DDEC entertains the reconsideration but takes no action within ninety (90) days, the DDEC will lose jurisdiction and the term to seek judicial review begins upon expiration of that ninety (90) day calendar

period, unless the DDEC—for good cause and within the ninety (90) days—extends the period to decide by up to thirty (30) additional calendar days.

VI. Judicial Review

After exhausting administrative remedies, regarding the reconsideration process mentioned above, an adversely affected party may seek judicial review before the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals.

Deadline to file Judicial Review: A petition for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date this Notice of Award is served or from service of the final resolution deciding reconsideration, if applicable.

The thirty (30) day filing term is jurisdictional. The term is computed from the service date (date of deposit in the mail or date of electronic transmission, as applicable; see Section VII). If the filing period was interrupted by a motion for reconsideration, the term is computed pursuant to LPAU Section 3.15 (as reflected in the reconsideration rules above).

Notice of filing: The petitioner must notify the DDEC, the Awarded Proponent and all other Non-Awarded Proponents of the filing of the judicial review petition within the same term for seeking judicial review. Notice may be made by mail or electronic mail. Notice to the entity's legal director/legal office is recommended but not required.

Failure to file within the jurisdictional term will deprive the reviewing forum of jurisdiction.

VII. Date of Service of Notice of Award

Electronic Transmission Date: October 29, 2026.

This Notice is being provided to all Proponents on the date(s) indicated above by email.

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For purposes of any administrative reconsideration or judicial review deadlines described in Sections V and VI, the applicable term begins to run from the Mailing Date or, if the Notice is transmitted electronically and the electronic transmission date differs, from the Electronic Transmission Date.

VIII. Certificate of Notification

I certify that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Award was notified through electronic means on the dates listed under Section VII, on October 29, 2026.

Sincerely,



Carlos Ríos Pierluisi
Secretary