



**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
TO USE THE CABLE LANDING STATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT)  
AND THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA)**

The DICT and BCDA are jointly undertaking the construction of the government-owned cable landing stations (CLS) in Baler, Aurora and San Fernando, La Union. The two (2) CLS are connected by a 240-km underground corridor with repeater stations at 50-km interval. The underground conduit has a 7-way microduct, which can hold 144 cores of fiber optic cable per microduct. The cable landing stations, underground corridor and repeater stations are also known as the Luzon Bypass Infrastructure (LBI) Project.

The Luzon Bypass Infrastructure leverages the geographical advantage of the Philippines by providing a terrestrial bypass route for international submarine cable owners seeking diversity from the Luzon Strait, which has a history of seismic hazards causing multiple submarine cable breaks.

The cable landing stations are integral component of the National Broadband Program (NBP), which aims to significantly improve the quality and cost of internet connectivity in the country.

The cable landing stations and its associated ICT infrastructure are designed to be scalable throughout its 25-year project life. It is open for use of interested parties in an arrangement which is mutually beneficial and advantageous to the Government and the interested party, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Interested parties may contact Alona H. Isidro, NBP Director at [alona.isidro@dict.gov.ph](mailto:alona.isidro@dict.gov.ph) to discuss further details of this matter within the next seven (7) days upon posting of this call at the DICT website.

DICT and BCDA will jointly call an online information session on or before May 22, 2020.

Online expressions of interest detailing the party's proposal must be received by DICT on or before June 8, 2020.

Approved by:

**ELISEO M. RIO, JR.**  
Undersecretary for Operations