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DOE to conduct 2nd Round of Competitive Selection Process for Microgrid Service Provider

In its continuing commitment to enhance the quality of life in the remaining unserved and underserved areas in the country, the Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to announce the conduct of the 2nd round of Competitive Selection Process (CSP) for Microgrid System Provider (MGSP) for the electrification of forty-one (41) lots composed initially of seventy-five (75) identified unserved and underserved areas of the country.

The 75 identified areas covering a total of 12,212 households, were part of the 98 identified areas clustered into 49 lots previously offered during the 1st round of the MGSP-CSP in November 2023. These areas are viable for MGSP given their higher demand, and most of the households are not widely dispersed.

The 2nd round of MGSP-CSP will follow a streamlined and transparent process that will allow MGSP proponents to survey the areas and prepare their proposal according to the following schedule:

Activity	Timeline
Call for Interested Bidders	1st week of August 2024
Submission of Expression of Interest and Prequalification	4 th week of August 2024
Submission and Opening of Technical and Financial Bid Proposals	4 th week of September 2024
Issuance of Notice of Award	1st week of December 2024

Republic Act (RA) No. 11646, or the Microgrid Systems Act of 2022, mandates the conduct of a CSP before an MGSP can serve off-grid areas. It likewise provides a 90-day timeline to complete the conduct of CSP from the pre-qualification until the submission of the awarded contract to the Energy Regulatory Commission.

The 2023-2032 National Total Electrification Roadmap (NTER) has identified 407 areas, of which 285 are unserved comprising of 20,103 households while 122 are underserved with a total of around 20,207 households. These far-flung or remote areas have the presence of economic activities that require the much-needed electricity services.

During the 1st round of the MGSP-CSP, eight (8) lots in the Provinces of Cebu, Quezon, and Palawan were awarded to the Maharlika Consortium composed of Maharlika Clean Power Holdings, Corp., Singapore-based CleanGrid Partners Pre Ltd., and WEnergy Global Pte Ltd.

The Consortium as the 1st winning MGSP, will provide 24/7 electricity services to said areas through a hybrid microgrid system composed of solar photovoltaic, energy storage system, and diesel genset. ###