### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

# ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO A TOURISM MARKET RESEARCH DATABASE

#### I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Tourism Promotions Board (TPB), an attached agency of the Department of Tourism, is mandated to market and promote the Philippines domestically and internationally as a world-class tourist destination. It envisions the Philippines to become the preferred destination for sustainable, uniquely diverse, and fun travel by 2028. With this goal, the TPB has continuously implemented programs, projects and activities that aim to position the Philippines as a top-of-mind destination, improve the perception on the country as a unique and safe destination, and ensure steady promotion of major tourist destinations in various media.

To prepare effective marketing strategies and provide direction to its promotional efforts, the TPB is keen to gather psychographic and demographic data about its source markets. Traditionally, demographic information, which includes age, ethnicity, religious beliefs, occupation, and educational level, used to be the primary data being gathered by many organizations to improve their products and services. However, in recent years, psychographics became a mainstream and changed the way data are collected, analyzed, and applied. Through psychographic data, organizations gain deeper insights on their target markets' psychological and emotional motivations and concerns, providing them with an idea on how their markets' think and behave. By using a good combination of demographic and psychographic data, marketing efforts become more relevant, logical, and directed towards the right audience.

On the other hand, the recent pandemic has caused significant changes on the perceptions, interests, and habits of individuals, particularly when it comes to discretionary activities like travel and leisure. Although the pandemic has largely subsided and everything seems back to normal, travel behavior is still susceptible to potential changes, especially since new variants of the COVID-19 are still being discovered.

In view of the above, the TPB, through the Corporate Planning and Business Development Department, would like to subscribe to a market research database that offers information about traveler psychographic characteristics such as interests, attitudes, preferences, and habits, as well as demographic data.

### II. SPECIFICATIONS

### A. CONTENTS

Minimum Geographical Coverage

ASIA	EUROPE	AMERICAS
Australia	Germany	Canada
Malaysia	United Kingdom	United States of Americas
Singapore	France	Mexico
Taiwan		Brazil
Hong Kong		Colombia
China		Chile
Japan		
South Korea		
Philippines		
India		
United Arab Emirates		
Saudi Arabia		

In case that any of the above countries are not yet included in the current geographic coverage of the platform, the market research provider can conduct special surveys for the countries, covering the desire travel and tourism topics/contents, to ensure the availability of data and information, with no additional cost to the TPB.

Profile of Travelers from the Source Markets of Philippine Inbound Tourism:

TOPIC	INFORMATION
	Domestic and international travel demand
	Planned and preferred trips
	Travel obstacles and considerations
	Trip, accommodation, and transportation preferences
	Booking insights and travel booking intentions by month
TRAVELER SENTIMENTS,	Preferred methods for researching and booking
PREFERENCES, AND	Travel spending
HABITS	Amount of short break taken
	Month of travel
	Preferred Travel Brands
	Holiday destination choices and selection influence
	Travel Advertising channel preference
	Motivations and sources of information
	Generational insights

ΤΟΡΙϹ	INFORMATION
DESTINATION INDEX	<ul> <li>Holiday companions</li> <li>Past Travel behavior (e.g. number of trips in the past 12 months)</li> <li>Sustainability in travel</li> <li>Aided Awareness (Which of the following destinations have you ever heard of?)</li> <li>Ad Awareness (Which of the following destinations have you seen an advertisement for in the past two weeks?)</li> <li>Buzz (Over the past two weeks, which of the following destinations have you heard something positive/negative about, whether in the news, through advertising, or talking to friends and family?)</li> <li>Past Visits (Have you ever visited any of the following destinations?)</li> <li>Impression (Overall, of which of the following destinations do you have a positive/negative impression?)</li> <li>Quality (Which of the following destinations do you think represents good/poor quality?)</li> <li>Value (Which of the following destinations offer a visitor a lot in return for the price paid.)</li> <li>Satisfaction (Of which of the following destinations would you say that you are a satisfied/dissatisfied visitor?)</li> <li>Recommendation (Which of the following destinations</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>would you recommend/avoid to a friend or colleague?)</li> <li>Intent (Of the destinations considered, which are you most likely to visit?)</li> </ul>
INSIGHTS ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF TRAVELERS	<ul> <li>Luxury</li> <li>Budget/Value</li> <li>Responsible</li> <li>Adventurous</li> <li>All-inclusive/package</li> <li>Weekend</li> <li>Business</li> </ul>

ΤΟΡΙϹ	INFORMATION
	> Gender
	Age groups
INSIGHTS ON TRAVELERS	Generations
BASED ON DEMOGRAPHIC	Income (lower/middle/higher)
VARIABLES	Family Income
	Marital status
	Number of children

Other Data/Information:

ΤΟΡΙϹ	INFORMATION
POST-PANDEMIC INSIGHTS/ATTITUDINAL STATEMENTS	<ul> <li>Consumer lifestyle and confidence</li> <li>Spending (e.g. changes in physical and online spending)</li> <li>Economic Outlook (e.g. household situation, changes to employment status, impacts of recession if any)</li> <li>Social media consumption</li> <li>Sports followed</li> </ul>

## FREQUENCY OF DATA UPDATE: Bi-Weekly to Monthly

SAMPLE SIZE: Should be representative of the population of the country/market

# B. FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITIES

- Built-in dashboards for visualizing data with available filters for customizing views
- Customized search option to access specific data and information
- Capability to export data and analysis into Microsoft Excel and Powerpoint
- Can sort the categories of graphs automatically based on value
- Provision of access to unlimited number of users in the organization
- Dedicated account services team with a lead account manager providing advice, training, support, information updates, and latest research developments
- Provision of orientation (online or face-to-face) to the users of the platform to explain its contents, features, and functionalities

# III. QUALIFICATION OF THE MARKET RESEARCH PROVIDER

- Operating for at least 20 years in the field of consumer research and in-sighting.
- Member in any internationally recognized association of market research agencies *Note: Submit/Provide proof of membership*
- Has provided services to multinational clients in the past five years **Note:** Submit/Provide copy of Notice to Proceed, contract, official receipt for subscription payment, or whichever is applicable

<u>or</u>

QUALIFICATION OF THE RESELLER OR DISTRIBUTOR (IF APPLICABLE)

- At least five (5) years in the business of acquiring rights for subscription to market research database or platforms.
- Authorized reseller or distributor of market research database *Note: Submit/Provide proof of authorization*
- A market research and management company that provides evidence-based strategies through research and data analytics conducted.

# IV. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Company Profile showing description of similar projects handled in the past 5 years
- SEC Registration
- Audited Financial Statements (AFS)
- Statement of Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC), with Certificate of Satisfactory Completion or proof of payment of client

In the event that the bidder will have difficulty submitting supporting documents (e.g. contract agreement) due to Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a redacted version of the contract will be acceptable, provided that it will be accompanied by an affidavit attesting to the authenticity of the contract and with statement indicating that the SLCC is relevant to TPB's procurement requirement.

- Presentation of the database focusing on the scope of deliverables (contents, features, and functionalities)
  - Includes brief profile and background of the company, which demonstrates their ability to provide the bulk of information that TPB needs in one platform
  - Briefer on the survey methodology employed by the company to gather the information contained in the database.
- Provision of trial access to experience how to use the database and conduct actual searching of contents (during Post-Qualification).

# V. CONTRACT DURATION

One-year subscription upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

## VI. APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT (ABC):

The Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) is **SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (PHP6,500,000.00)** inclusive of all applicable taxes and fees.

### VII. TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Full payment to be remitted within 30 calendar days upon receipt of the certificate of subscription and Invoice.

The market research provider/local distributor is encouraged to have a Landbank account. Payment shall be made through LBP bank deposit. Otherwise, bank charges shall be shouldered by the supplier.

## VIII. PROJECT OFFICERS' CONTACT INFORMATION

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