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TO : Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the National Government including State Universities and Colleges, Government Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, and Local Government Units

SUBJECT : Creation of Technical Working Group for Procurement Purposes

1.0 Purpose

This Circular is being issued to reiterate the rules on the creation, when necessary, of a Technical Working Group (TWG) that will assist the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) in the procurement process.

2.0 Coverage

All Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the National Government including State Universities and Colleges, Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, and Local Government Units.

3.0 Creation of a Technical Working Group

3.1 Under Section 12.1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations¹ (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), may create, when necessary, a TWG from a pool of technical, financial, and/or legal experts to assist in the procurement process, particularly in the eligibility screening, evaluation of bids and post-qualification.

3.2 The IRR of RA 9184 allows the inclusion of technical, financial, and/or legal experts other than those in the procuring entity concerned.

¹Approved by the Government Procurement Policy Board through its Resolution 03-2009, dated 22 July 2009, and published in the Official Gazette on 3 August 2009. It took effect thirty (30) days after its publication or on 2 September 2009.

3.2.1 To ensure that the BAC is able to harness the needed knowledge, experience and/or expertise in its TWG members who are suitable and qualified to assist in the eligibility screening, evaluation and post-qualification of bidders in the procurement of highly technical equipment and complex services, such members need not be limited to employees or officials of the procuring entity. The BAC may engage the assistance of government personnel and officials, and consultants from the private sector and academe with proven expertise on the sourcing of the goods, works or consulting services to be procured.

4.0 This Circular shall take effect immediately.

5.0 For guidance and compliance.

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