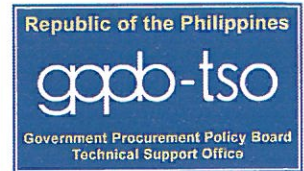




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Re: Advertisement of Invitation to Bid and Request for Expression of Interest

Dear President Benavidez:

This refers to Honorable President's letter seeking guidance on when the NPC not be required anymore to advertise its Invitation to Bid (IB) and Request for Expression of Interest (REI) in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation.

Section 21.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, the Government Procurement Reform Act provides that two (2) years after the effectivity of the 2016 IRR, advertisement in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation shall no longer be required. However, a Procuring Entity that cannot post its opportunities in the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) for justifiable reasons shall continue to publish its advertisements in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation.

We would like to respectfully inform the Honorable President that the 2016 Revised IRR was published in the Official Gazette on 29 August 2016 and became effective 60 days thereafter or on **28 October 2016**. Accordingly, two (2) years after the effectivity of the 2016 IRR or on **29 October 2018**, advertisement in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation shall no longer be required.

Thus, starting **29 October 2018**, the NPC may dispense with the advertisement of its IBs and REIs in a newspaper of general nationwide circulation, unless it cannot post the same in the PhilGEPS for justifiable reasons.

The above opinion was made on the basis of the particular facts presented and circumstances availing, and may not, therefore, be applicable given a different set of facts and circumstances.

We hope to have sufficiently clarified the matter at hand.

Sincerely yours,


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Executive Director V


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