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GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD
TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICE



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MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO

Municipal Hall, San Isidro, Northern Samar

Re: Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) Circular No. 07-2017 -

Dear Sir/Madam:

This refers to your electronic mail (email) requesting clarification on Section 4.1.1 of GPPB Circular No. 07-2017¹, specifically, its last sentence which states:

In case the bidder opted to submit their Class “A” Documents, the Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership) shall remain as a post-qualification requirement to be submitted in accordance with Sections 34.2 of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184.

As represented, the Commission on Audit (COA) Auditor of the Municipality of San Isidro advised its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) that in view of the afore-quoted provision, the BAC should now allow and undertake post-qualification of a bidder, and possibly recommend contract award thereto, despite absence of a Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) Registration Certificate. It is in this context that you are seeking clarification on the application of Section 4.1.1 of GPPB Circular 07-2017 as to whom it is applicable.

We wish to emphasize that in lieu of the Class “A” eligibility documents uploaded and maintained current and updated in PhilGEPS, bidders are required to submit their PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration (Platinum Membership) during bid submission, in the case of procurement of goods and infrastructure projects, or during eligibility check, in the case of procurement of consulting services pursuant to Sections 25.2(a)(i) and (b)(i), and Section 24.4.3 of the 2016 IRR of RA 9184, respectively.

However, the implementation of such mandatory submission has been deferred through GPPB Circular No. 07-2017. Thus, for all procurement projects advertised and/or posted on 2 September 2017 onwards, a bidder may submit their Class “A” Eligibility Documents in lieu of the PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership, if it has not yet obtained a Platinum Membership; or if already registered under Platinum category, their

¹ Issued through GPPB Resolution 26-2017 dated 31 July 2017

PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership in lieu of the uploaded file of Class "A" Documents, or a combination thereof, in the event that some Class "A" documents earlier submitted with PhilGEPS already expired, but a renewal thereof had already been secured. In case the bidder submits only its Class "A" Documents, the PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Membership) shall still be submitted as part of the post-qualification documents required under Section 34.2 of the 2016 IRR of RA 9184.

In view of the foregoing, we wish to clarify that the last sentence of Section 4.1.1 of the GPPB Circular allows the bidder, for purposes of bid submission, to submit only its Class "A" Documents without requiring its PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration and Membership (Platinum Membership). We wish to stress, however, that the requirement of the PhilGEPS Certificate of Registration is not completely dispensed with as the same shall still be required to be submitted by the bidder during the post-qualification period.

We hope that this opinion issued by the GPPB-TSO provided sufficient guidance on the matter. Note that this opinion is being issued on the basis of facts and particular situations presented, and may not be applicable given a different set of facts and circumstances. Should there be other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,


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