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Re: Creation of Technical Working Group for the Bids and Awards Committee

Dear Ms. Soriano:

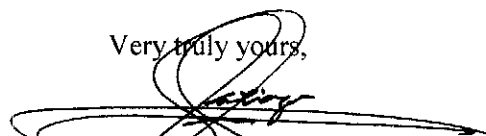
We respond to your letter dated 27 February 2012 seeking confirmation on whether the Technical Working Group (TWG) created under Section 12.1¹ of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184 is composed of a pool of technical, financial and/or legal experts coming from various units with various expertise or from the department/unit of the concerned agency which specializes in the procurement at hand.

We wish to confirm that although the members of the TWG created under Section 12.1 may come from the department/unit which specializes in the field or subject matter of the procurement at hand, they may also be coming from different units of the procuring entity as long as they possess the necessary legal, technical and financial expertise needed for the project to be procured. In addition, members of the TWG need not come from the procuring agency itself, as Section 12.1 merely mentions that the members of the TWG come from a pool of technical, financial and/or legal experts. Nowhere is it mentioned that members of the TWG should exclusively belong to the department/unit of the concerned agency which specializes in the procurement at hand or that they exclusively belong to the procuring entity itself.

In line with this, the creation of the TWG as prescribed by the IRR is meant to aid the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) in the procurement process, specifically during the procurement planning, eligibility screening, bid evaluation and post-qualification. In the event that the technical, financial and legal experts may not be found within the department/unit which specializes in the procurement concerned or procuring entity itself, the BAC may create the TWG by requesting assistance from other relevant agencies of government having expertise in the subject matter of the project to be procured. It must be stressed, however, that the creation of the TWG is not mandatory specifically when the members of the BAC have the legal, technical and financial experience and expertise to support the assessment and evaluation of bidders to the project.

We hope that our advice sufficiently addresses your concern. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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Executive Director III

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¹ 12.1. xxx (k) perform such other related functions as may be necessary, including the creation of a **Technical Working Group (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.