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ATTY, RUBY U. ALVAREZ"

Executive Director III

Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) 2/1/63

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Subject:

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS

Dear Director Alvarez::

This refers to Annex "A" of GPPB Resolution No. 24-2007, dated 28 September 2007 on the Guidelines on the Procurement of Security and Janitorial Services providing, among others, for multi-year contracts. Paragraph 5.0 thereof explicitly provides:

'5.0 MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS

Procuring entities may enter into multi-year contracts, **but not to exceed three** (3) years, in the procurement of security and janitorial services, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid must expressly state the following:
 - 5.1.1 Duration of the contract to be bid, which should not exceed three (3) years;
 - 5.1.2 The Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the first year only.
- 5.2 All bid prices for a duration of three (3) years shall be fixed and shall not be adjusted during contract implementation, except the following:
 - 5.2.1 Increase in minimum daily wage pursuant to law or new wage order issued after date of bidding;
 - 5.2.2 Increase in taxes; and
 - 5.2.3 If during the term of the contract the procuring entity sees the need for an increase or decrease in the number of 2008012806

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We commit to provide reliable and responsive services in our ports, sustain development of our port communities and the environment, and be a model corporate agency of the government.

security guards or janitorial attendants, the resulting cost of said increase or decrease, provided that the ABC for the relevant year is not exceeded.

For the current year 2008, PPA is outsourcing thru manpower service provider two-hundred fifty-eight (258) positions. We would like to have a two-year service contract for this service to assure a steady supply of competent technical and administrative support personnel to its Head Office Responsibility Centers and Engineering Projects. The two-year contract is also more economical on the part of the PPA considering that the procurement process will be conducted only once thereby saving the government expenses in the advertisements and other related procurement expenses (materials) and stability in the costs of providing manpower services. A two-year contract will also enable us to increase or decrease the number of outsourced personnel dependent on the need of PPA without the need of undertaking another bidding for the purpose thereby saving time and effort of personnel concerned in the procurement process. Outsourcing is also general support services like security and janitorial services in that it involves supply of manpower and that public transactions may also be affected or impaired in the absence thereof.

Should our request merit your consideration, we would indicate in our Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid in the procurement of manpower services, the duration of the contract which should not exceed two (2) years including the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the first year only. Likewise, we will stipulate in our contract for the purpose that all bid prices shall be fixed and shall not be adjusted during contract implementation except those enumerated above.

Thank you for giving this request your kind consideration.

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