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Re: Submission of Letter of Intent (LOI)

Dear Director Gorgolon:

This is in response to your letter dated 11 March 2013, seeking our opinion on whether the submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) from prospective bidders can be extended to coincide with the rescheduled bidding activities.

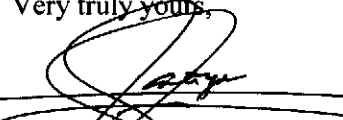
It is represented that the Regional Office of the DOH in Central Luzon, through its Bids and Awards Committee (CHD3-BAC), decided to reschedule the bidding of various infrastructure projects due to modifications in the bidding documents through the issuance of Supplemental Bid Bulletins. It is in this context that you are seeking our opinion on whether the submission of LOI can also be extended.

Please be informed that the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 has abandoned the requirement for the submission of LOI under Section 21.3 of IRR Part A of RA 9184 prior to the submission of bids. The rationale for this change in policy is to streamline the procurement process, reduce transaction costs, and enhance competition.

As such, bidders are no longer required to submit a written LOI together with their application for eligibility not later than seven calendar days from the last date of posting of the Invitation to Bid. Instead, bidders only have to submit their bids not later than the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids, which can be extended or rescheduled together with the opening of bids as provided in Section 29 of the IRR of RA 9184.

We hope that our advice provided sufficient guidance on the matter. Please note that this opinion is being rendered on the basis of the facts and particular situation presented, and may not be applicable given a different set of facts and circumstances. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,


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Executive Director III

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