



Department of Budget and Management
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD
TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICE

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MS. CAROLINA D. QUERIJERO

Administrative Officer

QT BUILDERS

Aurora Cor. Ferreras Sts., Brgy Suklayin, Baler, Aurora

Re: Eligibility Requirement; Valid PCAB License

Dear Ms. Querijero:


This is in response to your letter dated 10 July 2013 seeking clarification on whether the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) may declare a contractor as “eligible” despite the submission of a Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) license with validity period after the date of the opening of the bids.

It is represented that during the competitive bidding conducted on 24 June 2013 by the Department of Education (DepEd), Division of Aurora Province, the BAC Chairman declared V.B. Donato Construction (VBDC) as “eligible” despite the fact that its PCAB license has a validity period of 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014. It is in this context that you are seeking our opinion on whether the actions taken by the BAC are in accordance with Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 and its revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

For your guidance, please be informed that documentary requirements must be “complete” and “sufficient”, that is, it must contain all the information required, and must comply with the requirements set out in the bidding documents at the time of the deadline for the submission of bids and bid opening¹. In this regard, we wish to clarify that a valid PCAB license required as an eligibility requirement for the procurement of infrastructure projects under Section 23.1 (a) (iv) of the revised IRR of RA 9184 should be valid at the time of the deadline for the submission and opening of bids. Accordingly, VBDC should have submitted a PCAB license that is valid as of 24 June 2013, the date of the deadline for the submission of bids and bid opening.

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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¹ NPM No. 77-2012 dated 27 June 2012.