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Re: PhilGEPS Posting

Dear Ms. Nova:

We respond to your electronic mail inquiring on whether it is necessary that the procurement of goods amounting to Seven Thousand Pesos (PhP7,000.00) be posted in the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) website.

As represented, you are aware that opportunities for all kinds of procurement methods shall be posted in the PhilGEPS website. However, you were informed lately that for the procurement of goods using Shopping as the method of procurement, posting in the PhilGEPS website is no longer necessary if the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) is (Fifty Thousand Pesos) Php 50,000.00 and below. Hence, the instant inquiry.

To promote transparency and efficiency, information and communications technology shall be utilized in the conduct of procurement processes and procedures.¹ For this purpose, the PhilGEPS was institutionalized to be the single portal that shall serve as the primary source of information on all government procurement opportunities. Significantly, procurement opportunities are posted in the PhilGEPS website for widest dissemination to all suppliers, distributors, manufacturers, contractors and consultants.

For guidance, the posting requirements for Shopping, as an alternative method of procurement, are laid down in the *Guidelines for Shopping and Small Value Procurement*² (*Guidelines* for brevity), in relation to Section 54.2³ of the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184. Section 3(d) of the *Guidelines* requires that Request for Quotation (RFQ) shall be posted for a period of seven (7) calendar days in the PhilGEPS website, website of the Procuring Entity (PE), if available, and at any conspicuous places reserved for this purpose in the premises of the PE, except:

¹ Section 8.1.1 of the IRR of RA 9184.

² GPPB Resolution No, 09-2009, dated 23 November 2009.

³ xxx the BAC, through its Secretariat, shall post the invitation or request for submission of price quotations for Shopping under Sections 52.1 (b) xxx.

1. When there is an unforeseen contingency requiring immediate purchase under Section 52.1(a) of the IRR of RA 9184; and
2. RFQs with ABCs equal to Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) and below.

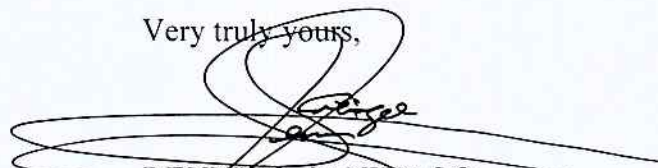
This notwithstanding, pursuant to Section 54.3 of the IRR of RA 9184, it must be emphasized that in all instances of alternative methods of procurement, the BAC, through the Secretariat, shall post, for information purposes, the notice of award in the PhilGEPS website, the website of the PE concerned, if available, and at any conspicuous place reserved for this purpose in the premises of the procuring entity. As an exception, Section 3(i) of the *Guidelines* states that these posting requirements, is not required for contracts awarded through Shopping and Small Value Procurement with an ABC equal to Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP50,000.00) and below.

In this regard, we wish to clarify that in resorting to Shopping as an alternative method of procurement, the following PhilGEPS posting requirements shall be observed:

1. RFQs shall be posted for seven (7) calendar days except:
 - a. for Shopping under Section 52.1(a) of the IRR of RA 9184; and
 - b. for Shopping under Section 52.1(b) of the IRR of RA 9184 when the ABC is Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.0) and below; and
2. In both types of Shopping, awards shall be posted except for those with ABCs equal to Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.0) and below.

We hope that this opinion issued by the GPPB-TSO provided sufficient guidance on the matter. Note that this is issued on the basis of particular facts and 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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