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Re: Posting Requirements for Direct Contracting

Dear Mr. Lichauco:

This refers to your letter dated 05 October 2006. You wish to be clarified on the following matters:

“1. Before resorting to direct contracting, does the procuring entity have to publish a notice of public bidding or a notice of direct contracting on the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) website to inform the public of its intent?”

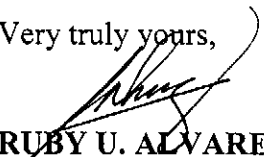
2. Is there an upper limit for direct contracting without an invitation to bid? For example, if a procuring entity intends to purchase goods in excess of Nine Million Pesos (Php. 9,000,000.00), does it need to post public notice first on the PhilGEPS website of its intent to resort to direct contracting?”

Anent your first query, please be informed that posting of the Request for Quotation/Bid Opportunity for any of the alternative modes of procurement should be made in the following: (i) the website of the procuring entity concerned, if available; (ii) the PhilGEPS; and (iii) at any conspicuous place reserved for this purpose in the premises of the procuring entity as certified by the head of the Bids and Awards Secretariat, for seven (7) calendar days prior to the conduct of procurement (Section 21.2.4, Implementing Rules and Regulations-Part A [IRR-A], Republic Act No. 9184 [R. A. 9184]).

As regards your second query, R. A. 9184 and its IRR-A have not provided any upper limit or any exception to the posting requirements for the alternative mode of direct contracting.

We hope we have clarified the matter. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,


RUBY U. ALVAREZ
Executive Director III

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