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**F/SUPT. FAUSTO F. SANTIAGO**

*Chair, Bids and Awards Committee*

**BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION – REGION 3**

Department of the Interior and Local Government

Del Pilar, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

**Re : Single Supplier in Small Value Procurement (SVP)**

Dear F/Supt. Santiago:

We respond to your letter dated 19 July 2011 inquiring whether award of contract can be made to the sole supplier who submitted a quotation/proposal for a procurement activity undertaken through Small Value Procurement (SVP).

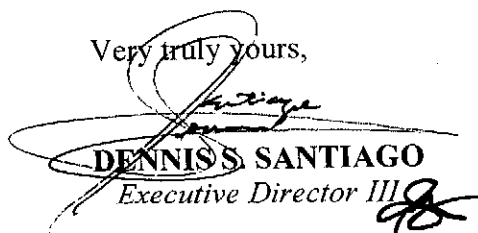
Please note that one of the basic requirements in the conduct of SVP as provided in Section 53.9.1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184 is for the procuring entity to draw up a list of at least three (3) suppliers of known qualifications that will be invited to submit proposals.

As opposed to Shopping under Section 52.1 (b) of the IRR where the requirement is to obtain at least three (3) quotations, SVP under Section 53.9 of the IRR merely requires invitation to at least three (3) suppliers. This distinction is reiterated in the Guidelines for Shopping and Small Value Procurement under Sections 3 (c) and (f) thereof.

Thus, it is clear from the foregoing that in procurement activities conducted through SVP, award of contract may be made even if only one supplier submitted a quotation/proposal, provided that the procuring entity invited at least three (3) suppliers to submit a quotation, and provided further that the submission complies with the specifications and terms and conditions required by the procuring entity.

We hope we have provided sufficient guidance on the matter. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

  
**DENNIS S. SANTIAGO**  
*Executive Director III*