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MS. CELIA M. PEREZ
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MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS
Province of Batangas

Re: Posting Requirements under Direct Contracting

Dear Ms. Perez:

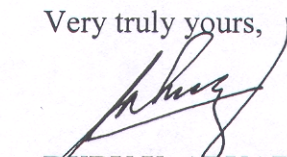
We respond to your letter dated 6 July 2007 requesting for an opinion on whether procurement activities through direct contracting should be published in daily newspapers.

Please be advised that under Section 21.2.4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R. A. 9184), for alternative methods of procurement such as direct contracting, advertisement in a newspaper may be dispensed with. The posting requirements for alternative methods of procurement are as follows: (i) the website of the procuring entity concerned, if available; (ii) the Government Electronic Procurement System (G-EPS); 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.

However, advertisement in newspapers of procurement activities using any of the alternative methods of procurement, although not required, is permitted. This is in fact consistent with the principles of transparency and competition under R. A. 9184.

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

Very truly yours,



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Executive Director III