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MS. MARILYN E. LAMAR

President

LAMAR INTEGRATED CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

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Re : Registration with PhilGEPS

Dear Ms. Lamar:

We respond to your letter dated 23 August 2006 requesting for an opinion on whether Section 8.5.1 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R. A. 9184) is a mandatory requirement or condition precedent to be complied with by prospective bidders before participating in the procurement of procuring entities.

We confirm that under Section 8.5.1 of the IRR-A of R. A. 9184, manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and consultants interested in participating in government procurement are mandated to register with the G-EPS and to update the same. Section 8.5.1 of the IRR-A of R. A. 9184, states as follows:

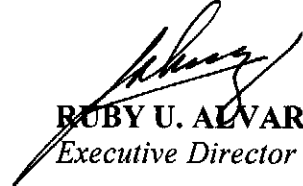
“Manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, contractors and/or consultants shall register with the G-EPS. All procuring entities already maintaining an electronic registry upon the effectivity of this IRR-A shall integrate the same with that of the G-EPS. A manufacturer, supplier, distributor, contractor or consultant duly registered with the G-EPS may participate in a procurement undertaken by any procuring entity, provided that the said manufacturer, supplier, distributor, contractor or consultant maintains its registration current and updated in accordance with the provisions of this IRR-A, and its registration is proper and relevant to the particular type of procurement.” (Emphasis supplied)

The Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), through Resolution No. 22-2006 dated 6 December 2006, amended Sections 23.6 and 24.7 of the IRR-A of R. A. 9184. Under said amendment, prospective bidders are required to submit the

certificate of Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) Registration as part of the minimum of the eligibility requirements under the Class "A" Legal Documents.

We trust that this clarifies matters.

Very truly yours,



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