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Development Bank of the Philippines
Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue cor. Makati Avenue
Makati City

Re : Bidding Documents for the Efficient Lighting Initiative Project

Dear Ms. Mendoza:

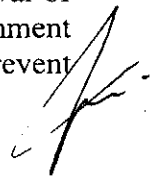
This refers to your letter dated June 9, 2004, addressed to Atty. Jose Luis Syquia, former Acting Executive Director of the Government Procurement Policy Board ("GPPB") – Technical Support Office, requesting for approval of the bidding documents and forms that shall be used in the Efficient Light Initiative Project ("ELI") of the Development Bank of the Philippines ("DBP").

Said request is anchored on Section 6.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A ("IRR-A") of Republic Act 9184 ("R.A. 9184"), which mandates the use of generic procurement manuals, standard bidding documents ("SBDs"), forms, and evaluation documents for all government procuring entities, the modifications of which are subject to GPPB approval.

Standard Bidding Documents

To systematize the procurement process, avoid confusion and ensure transparency, the GPPB is mandated by R.A. 9184 to pursue the development and approval of generic procurement manuals and standard bidding documents and forms, which shall be mandatory upon all government procuring entities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state universities and colleges, and local government units.

In line with this, the GPPB is currently in the final stages of review and approval of the afore-mentioned documents. Thus, pending the issuance of the SBDs, government procuring entities are advised to use their existing bidding documents in order to prevent



delay, inconvenience or hiatus in their procurement activities, provided however, that such bidding documents contain the basic requirements under Rule VI of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184.

As stated in Section 6.2 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only modifications in the GPPB issued SBDs in the case of major and more specialized procurement are required to be submitted to the GPPB for its approval. Consequently, pending the issuance of the SBDs, it can be gainsaid that there are no prescribed standard forms that need modification to suit the requirements of the DBP in its procurement. Accordingly, the DBP may continue the use of its existing bidding documents subject to the specific requirements mentioned in Sections 17.1 – 17.7.4 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184.

As a final remark, we applaud your efforts in ensuring that the procurement activities of your agency comply with the mandatory requirements of R.A. 9184 and its IRR-A. Rest assured, our office shall always be ready to assist as the DBP remains steadfast in effectively implementing the procurement law and its implementing rules and regulations.

As a service to all national government agencies and local government units, we have a phone-in “help desk” that you may opt to access when procurement issues requiring immediate clarification or guidance arise.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,


JOSE MARTIN C. SYQUIA
Executive Director

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