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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Re:

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF NPO-BAC PROCUREMENT **ACTIVITIES THROUGH VIRTUAL MEANS DURING** A STATE CALAMITY, OR IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OR SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS

NPO-BAC RESOLUTION NO. 2021-166

WHEREAS, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) adheres to Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", which took effect on January 26, 2003, whilst its 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on October 28, 2016, for the purpose of prescribing the necessary rules and regulations for the modernization, standardization, and regulation of the procurement activities of the Government of the Philippines (GOP);

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the President signed Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, following the confirmed local transmission of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, due to the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases in the country, Presidential Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020 was issued thereafter, declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months, unless lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant, and further providing for the imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon;

WHEREAS, in response thereto, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) promulgated Resolution No. 2000540 on May 7, 2020 on the Revised Interim Guidelines for the Alternative Work Arrangements (AWA) and Support Mechanisms for Workers in the Government, which was disseminated through CSC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 10, s. 2020. An amendment to the said resolution was later promulgated on October 14, 2020 which was disseminated through CSC MC No. 18, s. 2020, pursuant with the amended Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging and Infectious Disease Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the NPO has since adopted the CSC's AWA to ensure the safety and health of all its employees amidst the ongoing pandemic, even as the management ascertains the continuous and unhampered delivery of its services to the clients. In addition, pursuant to Section 22.3 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA 9184, which introduced the use of videoconferencing, webcasting and similar technology, the BAC decided to adopt the above-stated means/mode in the conduct of its activities such as, but not limited to Pre-Procurement, Pre-Bidding Conference, Opening of Bids, Post Qualification Evaluation and Special Meetings to safeguard the well-being and safety of all participants from the NPO, as well as Bidders/Suppliers who attend said proceedings;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021, the BAC convened a meeting online via Zoom app to discuss, deliberate and review the initial draft of guidelines relative to the conduct of meetings online or thru virtual means. Then again, a follow-up meeting on May 11, 2021 was scheduled to finalize the provisions and/or conditions stipulated in the guidelines to be applied/used during the conduct of meetings and/or proceedings online.

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NOW THEREFORE, we, the members of the Bids and Awards Committee hereby **RESOLVE** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**:

To recommend approval of the herein attached NPO-BAC Guidelines on the conduct of BAC related activities or proceedings online thru Zoom app or any other virtual means during a state calamity or implementation of community quarantine or similar restrictions.

RESOLVED, at the National Printing Office, EDSA cor. NIA North Road, Diliman, Quezon City this 14th day of May 2021.

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