FOR: WOULD-BE BIDDERS / CONTRACTORS / END-USERS

FROM: BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (BAC)

WHAT: A D V I S O R Y ON 3-STRIKE POLICY PURSUANT TO RES. NO. 1333

ALL <u>BIDDERS / SUPPLIERS, CONTRACTORS</u> and <u>END-USERS</u> are hereby informed of RESOLUTION NO. 1333 dated August 31, 2023 (copy attached), RE: FURTHER <u>AMENDMENT TO THE 3-STRIKE POLICY</u> IN THE PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL SUR.

Very truly yours,

DESSAMIE BUAT-SANCHEZ, CPA

PGDH-PBO

BAC Chairperson

Approved by:

YVONNE ROMA CAGAS
Head of the Procuring Entity
Governor

Resolution No. 1333 Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING TO THE HEAD OF THE PROCURING ENTITY, GOVERNOR YVONNE ROÑA CAGAS TO FURTHER AMEND THE 3-STRIKE POLICY IN THE PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL SUR.

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur encounters several failures of biddings due to constant errors committed by the participating Bidders in the submission of their bidding documents despite of the orientation during Pre-Bid Conference and the Instruction to Bidders;

WHEREAS, to further strengthen the integrity of the competitive bidding process, the Bids and Awards Committee unanimously agreed that the following instructions are hereby issued pertaining to the implementation of the 3-Strike Policy of the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur against violations of Section 69 of the IRR of RA 9184;

- The provision of Section 69.1 of the said IRR, pertaining to the 3-Strike Policy of the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur, is hereby reiterated as follows:
 - "In addition to the provisions of Rules XXI and XXII of this IRR, the Head of the Procuring Entity, subject to the authority delegated to the BAC, if any, shall impose on bidders or prospective bidders, the administrative penalty of suspension for one (1) year for the first offense, and suspension of two (2) years for the second offense from participating in the competitive bidding process, as well as disqualification from further participating in the competitive bidding being undertaken by the Procuring Entity concerned, where applicable, for the following violations: 69.1.i All other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of the competitive bidding, such as habitually withdrawing from bidding, submitting late Bids or patently insufficient bid, for at least three (3) times within a year, except for valid reasons."
- 2. The violations enumerated, which are considered as acts that tend to defeat the purpose of competitive bidding, are hereby clarified to read as follows:
 - Non-submission of post-qualification and other requirements within the prescribed period as specified in the notice issued by the BAC;
 - b) All other acts that tend to defeat the purpose of competitive bidding, such as:
 - 1.) Withdrawing from bidding or Non-dropping of Bid Documents,

2.) Submitting late Bids;

- 3.) Submitting of patently insufficient bid. Patently insufficient bid is clarified as the "total absence" of the required document.
- 4.) Refusal to receive/acknowledge notice/s issued by the Head of the Procuring Entity and/or Bids and Awards Committee

- c) Habitually committing offenses that are not grounds for disqualification such as improper sealing, non-tabbing, and the like.
- 3. Every time a bidder is observed to have done committed any of the acts enumerated under Item 2 of this Resolution, the Chairperson of the BAC shall immediately issue a Show Cause Order to the erring bidder informing of his act, and giving him three (3) calendar days to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for committing an act which tends to defeat the purpose of public bidding under the 3-Strike Policy of the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur;
- 4. Based on the evaluation by the BAC of the bidder's response to the Show Cause Order mentioned in Item No. 3 of this Resolution, the BAC shall, within five (5) calendar days from the receipt of the bidder's response determine whether the bidder's act was done with or without a valid cause;
- 5. The BAC Secretariat shall submit to the BAC a 3-Strike Policy Report, which shall contain the information in Item 3 and 9 of this Resolution.
- 6. The BAC through its Secretariat shall monitor the participation of bidders in all of its projects/participations, and maintain a tally of violations by each bidder of the 3-Strike Policy in its jurisdiction as well as of the violations by the bidder of the said policy in other offices of the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur;
- 7. All other petty defects found in the bid documents of the bidder which will not in any manner defeat the purpose of Competitive Bidding shall not be a ground for the imposition of a strike, subject to the discretion of the BAC
- 8. For the procurement of Infrastructure Projects, this Policy is applicable to all methods of procurement, be it Competitive Bidding or alternative methods of procurement. For the procurement of Goods and Consulting Services, this Policy is applicable to Competitive Bidding only
- 9. For the sanctions to be imposed:
 - ONE (1) STRIKE will be imposed for various IB Nos. participated by the bidder with the same nature of violation opened on the same date, or was disqualified during post-qualification stage with the same case of the latter;
 - MULTIPLE STRIKES for different discrepancies/offenses under different IB Nos. opened on the same date, or was disqualified during postqualification stage with the same case of the latter;
 - For Item 2.c: Three habitual offenses are equivalent to one (1) strike
- 10. Each "offense" by a bidder referred to in Section 69.1.i. of the IRR, as stated in this Resolution, consists of three violations or strikes within a period of one calendar year for all the procurements of all offices of the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur. A Fresh Period of one (1) year in counting of "strikes" shall be observed in the succeeding year;



- 11. Based on the 3-Strike reports, the Bids and Awards Committee, shall recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity, for approval, the following administrative sanctions on the erring Contractor/Supplier for the violation of the 3-Strike Policy:
 - a. For the first violation or strike a first warning.

b. For the second strike - a second warning.

c. For the third strike, which together with the first two strikes constitutes the first offense against the 3-Strike Policy – an administrative penalty of suspension for one (1) year from participating in any procurement process in the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur.

d. For the second offense – the second set of three strikes committed by the bidder – an administrative suspension for two (2) years from participating in any procurement process in the Provincial Government of Dayao del Sur.

WHEREFORE, on motion of BAC Member, Raul R. Fueconcillo, LAgri.MAgDev. duly seconded by all BAC Members present it was –

RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to recommend to the Head of the Procuring Entity, GOVERNOR YVONNE ROÑA CAGAS to **FURTHER AMEND THE 3-STRIKE POLICY IN THE PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DEL SUR.**

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this Resolution to all agencies concerned, Suppliers, and Concerned End Users, for their information and guidance.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED at the Ralota Hall, Governor Douglas Ralota Cagas Sports and Business Complex, Barangay Matti, Digos City, Province of Davao del Sur, this 31st day of August, 2023.

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I hereby concur to the correctness of the minutes:

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RAUL D. RAUT, ENP. JD PGDH-PHRMO / BAC Vice-Chairperson

DESSAMIE BUAT-SANCHEZ, CPA, JD

PGDH-PBO / BAC Chairperson **Presiding Officer**

Approved by:

YVONNE ROÑA CAGAS

Governor

Head of Procuring Entity

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