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Contract No. 2020-11/INFRA January 08, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Venue: Via Google meet Obrero Campus, Davao City

ABC: 14,492,753.63

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Present were:

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Bids and Award Committee:

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Dr. Emillia P. Pacov Chairperson Engr. Eduardo Torrico Jr. **BAC Vice Chair** Member

20 Ms. Estela S. Magandi 21 Dr Anweda C. Mina 22 Dr. Alma Mae Salinas 23

Dr. Maureen Villamor Alternate Member

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BAC Secretariat/Staff:

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BAC Secretariat Head Ms. Olivia D. Estremos Ms. Melanie C. Pagkaliwagan **BAC Secretariat** Ms. Emelle Embat **BAC Secretariat**

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TWG:

Engr. Florencio Chua **University Engineer** TWG/PDD Director Rch. Ericson Europa Mr. Bien Carlos Via PDD Draftsman

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Proceedings:

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Ms. Estremos, the BAC Secretariat Head recognized the presence of the attendees, and proceeded with the preliminaries. After declaring a quorum, the BAC Chair called the meeting to order.

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A. Reading of Minutes:

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The Reading of the Minutes has been deferred as the minutes of the previous meeting was distributed prior to this Post-Qualification Evaluation.

B. Business Matters:

The meeting was conducted for the Post-Qualification Evaluation of the Completion of 5-Storey Information Technology (I.T.) Building.

C. Presentation

The Technical Working Group (TWG):

 The Physical Development Division (PDD) Representative proceeded in presenting the Post-Qualification Report of the Completion of 5-Storey Information Technology (I.T.) Building – Phase 6. In the report, it was presented that the lowest bidder for the said project was MAG Corporation who has a bid amount of Php 12,709,833.57 with the following breakdown:

a) The Direct Cost amounts to Php 9,456,721.41;

 b) Indirect Cost: a. OCM (12%) amounts to Php 1,134,806.57;

b. Profit (8%) amounts to Php 756,537.71;c) Marked Up Value amounts to Php 1,891,344.28; and

d) Tax (12%) amounts to Php 1,361,767.88.

 The Evaluation of the Lowest Bid of MAG Corporation was also presented. In addition, the Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) of the said corporation is computed to be Php 1,013,519,879.19 (based from completed projects) and Php 1,037,558,576.41 (based from on-going projects). It was reported that the license of the contractor is verified through the following eligibilities as well as passed all these necessary documents:

 a) PCAB License (Based from the PCAB list of Licensed Contractors for CFY 2019-2020 as of 26 February 2020 as well as all information from within the document);

 b) BIR Records show a release of Tax Clearance to the Contractor under the name of "MAG CORPORATION", with a TIN number of 432-766-020-000;
c) The contractor submitted a copy of Certificate of Incorporation, issued

by Securities and Exchange Commission;d) The contractor submitted a certified true copy if Business Permit issued by Davao City.

e) Availability of equipment;

 f) Audited financial statements (with Attached Report of Independent Auditor); and

g) NFCC or credit line or cash deposit certificate (NFCC Computation).

 It was presented that the Single Largest Completed Project (SLCP) of the aforementioned contractor is the Construction of Two-Storey Six Classroom School Building at Balagunan National High School, Sto. Tomas Davao del Norte, with a value of Php 15,160,130.24. This project was awarded on December 6, 2018 and was completed on May 15, 2019 which totalled to One Hundred and Forty (140) Calendar Days. The On-going and Awarded Contracts of the contractors were presented as follows:

a) Construction of Additional Public Market Building
Client: LGU

Location: Poblacion, Ising, Carmen, Davao del Norte

101 102	Contract Amount: 24,118,775.77 Calendar Days: 210 Calendar Days
102	Date Started: 29 June 2020
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	Status: On-going b) Construction of Slovehter House Category H
105	b) Construction of Slaughter House Category II
106	Client: LGU
107	Location: Tuganay, Carmen, Davao del Norte
108	Contract Amount: 21,952,304.69
109	Calendar Days: 210 Calendar Days
110	Date Started: 29 June 2020
111	Status: On-going
112	The Completed Project/s of the contractor was also presented as follows:
113	a) Construction of New CEDU Building
114	Client: USeP Tagum
115	Location: Tagum, Davao del Norte
116	Contract Amount: 2,805,133.22
117	Calendar Days: 210 Calendar Days
118	Date Started: 21 March 2019
119	Date of Completion: 23 June 2019
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121	In addition to this, the contractor submitted all necessary documents regarding their key
122	personnel for this project, such as the licenses of respective professionals, moreover, it
123	was discussed that the personnel in this project were also assigned to SAEc Building and
124	their on-going projects which are currently at 57.09% and 46.78% accomplishment.
125	Statement of Agreements and Projects with Messrs. Ronald Torquia, Francis C.
126	Bantique, Christian P. Gomez, Manuel Ursal, Rogelio Gallemasco, Judybert Quita, Mses.
127	Camila Jane Igloria, Lea Ann Donayre, and Welder were presented stating that the
128	aforementioned personnel will stay on the job site all the time to supervise and manage
129	the contract works.
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131	The presenter added that the contractors were said to have submitted all necessary
132	documents regarding the following:
133	a) Bid Security;
134	b) Construction Schedule and S-Curve;
135	c) Manpower Schedule;
136	d) Construction Methods;
137	e) Organizational Chart;
138	f) List of Contractor's Key Personnel (with corresponding proof of
139	qualification);
140	g) List of Contractor's Equipment (with corresponding proof of
141	ownership and/or lease);
142	h) Equipment Utilization Schedule;
143	i) Certificate of Site Inspection (duly signed affidavit of site inspection
144	as issued by PDD University Engineer, Engr. Florencio Chua);
145	j) Construction Safety Certification; and
146	k) Certification of Compliance with Labor Laws – certified by DOLE
147	(duly signed Omnibus Sworn Statement and "Certification as to
148	Compliance of Existing Labor Laws and Standards").
149	A response letter from the Municipality of Carmen was presented indicating that MAG
150	Corporation have complied all rules and regulations under Republic Act (R.A.) 9184, as
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- well as that the contractor has no negative slippage and no unsatisfactory performance.
 The following documents were also presented with regards to the project on Renovation
 of Nursery Building to become AFMTC (at USeP Tagum-Mabini Campus, Tagum Unit)
 from the Campus Planning Office:
 - a) Statement of Time Elapsed and Work Accomplished;
 - b) Evaluation of Work Accomplishment;
 - c) Certificate of Final Completion; and
 - d) Final Completion Inspection Report.

D. Comments and Suggestions:

The BAC Chair addressed the issue of MAG Corporation since the contractor attached the same key personnel for two (2) projects, which is the I.T. Building and the SAEc Building. Ar. Europa confirmed and added that these same personnel are also the ones assigned to MAG Corporation's on-going projects, namely: a) Construction of Additional Public Market Building; and b) Construction of Slaughter House Category II, both in Carmen, Davao del Norte.

The BAC Chair also addressed that these on-going projects are still estimately at 60%. Ar. Europa then expressed his reluctance of this set-up, since the on-going projects are expected to end after two hundred and ten (210) days which is estimated to be from June to January. Ar. Europa stressed that though it may be possible for these personnel to immediately start after the on-going projects were completed, there are instances where the contractors have a breather period or a period to evaluate the completed projects, before starting on other projects, and these might cause delay for the commencement of the two (2) projects of the university, i.e., the I.T. Building and the SAEc Building. Ar. Europa also emphasized that the certificate submitted strictly states that one (1) personnel should only handle one (1) contract at a time.

The BAC Chair expressed her hesitancy as well due to these statements and asked the body on their opinion regarding this matter. Ms. Mina reiterated the thoughts that was pointed out by Ar. Europa, and stated that despite the satisfactory performance of the contractor, handling four (4) projects [two (2) on-going and two (2) possible projects which is the I.T. Building and SAEc Building] may affect their performance. Ar. Europa provided a suggestion if it would be possible for the contractor to two (2) different sets of personnel for the I.T. Building and SAEc Building in accordance to the certificate they submitted which strictly states that one (1) personnel should only handle one (1) contract at a time.

The BAC Chair then asked what provisions are stated in the Notice to Proceed that may be used to request the contractors the necessary documents to resolve the aforementioned conflicts. Ms. Pagkaliwagan stated that MAG Corporation was not at fault in providing the same key personnel for both projects, given that at the time of the bidding, there was no assurance yet in their part if the contract would be awarded to them.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan also presented a case, dated May 2012, queried by the National Housing Authority to the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), wherein the former asked if it was a ground for qualification if the bidder provided the same set of key personnel for different projects, and GPPB answered that it is not a ground for disqualification. The details for the said case are as follows:

(1) Whether the procuring entity may require the submission of different sets of personnel for different projects of the National Housing Authority (NHA) in different geographical locations as part of its project requirements.

[T]he determination on the assignment of personnel for a particular project lies within the discretion of the concerned bidder. What is required is that the manpower to be provided by the bidder should be included in the aforementioned list. Requiring that the personnel be confined to a specific project for the entire duration of a particular project may be too limiting on the part of the contractor and may discourage participation since it will require contractors to put in additional cost and resources, despite the uncertainty of winning in any or all of the projects.

[W]hat is more important is the availability of these personnel when their services are needed. While the procuring entity should not require the submission of different sets of names in the list of contractor's personnel per project, it is incumbent upon the BAC to determine during the evaluation of the bids as to whether the bidder concerned may make available its personnel at the time they are needed for the project in the event it is awarded to them.

(2) Whether the submission of a list of contractor's personnel containing the same names by a bidder who participates in two (2) or more projects results in his disqualification.

[T]he inclusion of the same personnel by the same bidder in several of its bid proposals should not be a ground for disqualification for being too restrictive and limiting.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan proposed that upon the recommendation of the Technical Working Group, the BAC may define the list of personnel/designations that may serve for both contracts, and which personnel/designations should be exclusive or different for each projects. The BAC Chair asked if this letter of request be sent prior to the Notice to Proceed, in which Ms. Pagkaliwagan clarified that it would indeed be sent prior to the release of the resolution, if MAG Corporation were to be awarded of the contract. Ms. Pagkaliwagan emphasized that this procedure would be done once it was confirmed that there are no other issues on the contractor's part.

Ar. Europa raised the issue of the certificate that the contractor submitted which strictly states that one (1) personnel should only handle one (1) contract at a time. The BAC Chair responded that this would be the reference for the letter that will be sent to the contractor in the event that they were indeed approved to do both contracts.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan added that given the case posted by the GPPB, MAG Corporation would not be disqualified, however, the BAC should require a statement from the contractors that should explain what compromise they would do regarding this matter. The BAC Chair finalized the decision of the body regarding the issue on the contractor's key personnel, wherein the BAC would write a letter under the tenor of the aforementioned agreements to MAG Corporation and would expect a reply from the

latter within seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) working days from the time that the letter was sent.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan then relayed a query to the Technical Working Group regarding a wrong file name wherein it was addressed to another contractor's name which is different from MAG Corporation. Engr. Chua responded that the name mentioned is a member of MAG Corporation and not a different contractor compared to what Ms. Pagkaliwagan mentioned.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan also asked if the contractor were able to meet the criteria set by the BAC regarding the availability of equipments and manpower. Engr. Chua replied and confirmed that the contractor was able to meet the said criteria for the equipments, however, they were not able to check it personally yet since most of the equipments are located a Carmen, Davao del Norte. As for the manpower, Engr. Chua replied that there are designations whose qualifications were specified, however, the TWG did not know what certain eligibilities must be presented, nevertheless, most of the key personnel submitted necessary documents to verify their eligibility such as PRC licences, trainings, etc.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan also asked if there are indeed no recorded negative slippages or unsatisfactory performance by the contractor. Engr. Chua replied that there me be time delays on the projects assigned to MAG Corporation, however the TWG would check again the progress of the remaining on-going projects of the contractor to make sure.

Ms. Pagkaliwagan also asked for confirmation if the completed projects have no lapses, such as the presented Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) by the contractor. The PDD reviewed the SLCC and it was confirmed the the contractor has no lapses on its SLCC in terms of Total Days of Completion. Ar. Europa also replied that the Certificate of Completion of the SLCC might already be included in their submitted documents.

On the other hand, as per review by the body, the on-going projects may have time delays, as they are still estimately at 40% to 60% development, when it should be atleast near completion. However, the BAC may just request a letter of explanation from the contractor given that presumably, the pandemic started at that time and it may have affected the work of MAG Corporation. Ms. Pagkaliwagan emphasized that this explanation, together with necessary documents supporting it, is crucial given that this time delays may be a ground for disqualification if not resolved or if proven that it was the contractor's shortcomings that contributed to these lapses and not due to valid reasons. Engr. Torrico agreed with the points mentioned by Ms. Pagkaliwagan, and explained the possible courses of action that may be used to support the contractor's explanation.

The BAC Chair finalized the idea of the body, wherein the BAC should also specify in the letter to be sent to the contractor the following documents, such as certification by the end user, notice of suspension, request of extension, etc., that would suffice the explanation of the time delays of the on-going projects of MAG Corporation. The BAC Chair reiterated the points that was mentioned in the earlier part of the metting, such as the issue on key personnel, for the benefit of Engr. Torrico who was not able to participate in the former part of the meeting. With this, Engr. Torrico agreed with the

terms that the body had come up with. Engr. Torrico also added and proposed to request the contractor some documents that would support necessary technical requirements, aside from proof of no negative slippage, of Post-Qualification Evaluation. Ar. Europa agreed with the said proposal of Engr. Torrico. E. Adjournment: With no further clarifications from the attendees, instructions from the BAC, and there being no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm in the afternoon. It was moved by Ms. Estremos and seconded by Ms. Mina. Prepared by: OLIVIA DESTREMOS **BAC Secretariat Head** Approved by: **EMILIA PACOY BAC Chairman/Infra**