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PAO BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (PBAC)

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PAO BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (PBAC) DATED 13 APRIL 2021 RE: CONSIDERATION OF NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER EMERGENCY CASES FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR PAO-ROXAS MINDORO, DISTRICT OFFICE, THRU ZOOM VIDEO CALL MEETING FOR THE PAO CENTRAL OFFICE

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THE PROCUREMENT OF LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR PAO-ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO THROUGH NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER EMERGENCY CASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 53.2 IN RELATION TO ANNEX "H," NO. V, SUBSECTION (D)2-1(iii-a) OF THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. (RA) 9184.

WHEREAS, the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) is committed to adhere to the State's Policy of securing and maintaining the trust and confidence of every Filipino, by upholding transparency, good governance and anti-corruption measures;

WHEREAS, PAO-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro District Office sent a letter¹ to the Chairperson of this Committee and to the Head of the Procuring Entity, detailing the immediate need for a safe office space with its own comfort room, in consideration of the on-going threat of the Covid-19 virus outbreak. Supporting document identifying the emergency sought to be addressed included an Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) For Management of Emerging Infectious Disease Resolution No. 101 Series of 2021 citing Presidential Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) that acknowledges the extension of State of Calamity until September 21, 2021.

WHEREAS, to avoid damage to and/or loss of life of PAO personnel and its clients due to the threat of the on-going State of Calamity, the immediate transfer of PAO-Roxas Oriental, Mindoro District Office is deemed urgent and necessary.

WHEREAS, there is an approved budget for the contract of the subject procurement with a total amount of One Hundred Forty Four Thousand Pesos (P144,000.00)²;

WHEREAS, since the pursuit of a competitive bidding will result in the award of the contract only after the lapse of one hundred twenty (120) days from the start of the procurement process, said period may not be responsive to the immediate need of the subject District Office;

WHEREAS, considering the aforementioned facts and documents evaluated by this committee, BAC Member Atty. Flordeliza Merelos, moved to procure the immediate lease of office space for PAO-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro through Negotiated Procurement under Emergency Cases in accordance with Section 53.2 in relation to annex "H" No. V Subsection (D)2-a(i-iii.a) of the IRR of RA 9184 and to delegate to the PAO-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro District Office, in coordination with its Regional Public Attorney, the conduct of negotiation of procurement for the subject office space, in accordance with Annex "H" No. IV, Subsection (J) of the IRR of RA 9184, both duly seconded by BAC Member Atty. Alem Abeya;

¹ Letter from PAO-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro Officer-in-Charge, Atty. Marie Grace R. Trinidad, dated 06 April 2021

² Approved Budget for the Contract from the Financial Planning and Management Service

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Members of the PAO Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), by virtue of the powers vested on Us by Law, after duly considering the recommendations of the Technical Working Group (TWG), and all members here present, hereby resolve to recommend to the Head of Procuring Entity the immediate pursuance of procurement of suitable office space to be leased by the PAO-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro through Negotiated Procurement under Emergency Cases in accordance with Section 53.2 in relation to annex "H" No. V Subsection (D)2-a(i-iii.a) of the IRR of RA 9184 and to delegate to the PAO-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, in coordination with its Regional Public Attorney, the conduct of the aforementioned negotiated procurement in accordance with Annex "H" No. IV, Subsection (J) of the IRR of RA 9184.

APPROVED this 13th day of April 2021 thru Zoom Video Call for the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Central Office, DOJ Agencies Building, NIA Road corner East Avenue, Diliman, (1104) Quezon City, Philippines.

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**Subject: Request for Lease of Office Space for PAO – Roxas
Oriental Mindoro District Office**

Dearest Chief,

Greetings!

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases issued the **Resolution No. 101**, Series of 2021 on February 26, 2021 extending the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines **until September 21, 2021**.

The number of COVID-19 Positive patients are increasing in the whole country. In the Province of Oriental Mindoro alone, "lock downs" of different government agencies are being implemented as their own employees are getting tested for being COVID-19 positive each day. As of writing, the Police Station in the Municipality of Roxas is being closed to the public.

In recent studies, one of the modes of transmission of COVID-19 virus is exposure to bodily fluids. As the emergence of the new variant is observed, the transmission rate also has been seen to increase.

The district office is housed in the gymnasium building of the Municipality of Roxas, where there **is no provision for its own comfort room**. For the past few years, **all the employees and the staff used the common comfort room** in the gymnasium building which is being **shared by other local government agencies and other locals**.

Being left with no choice, the employees endured using the common comfort room during day time. However, it becomes more problematic during the scheduled night inquest duties where the said common comfort room are being closed.

Requests for provision for the office's own comfort room from the municipality and even the provincial government has been made, but to no avail.

Sharing a common comfort room with almost anyone in the municipality **poses a great threat to the life and the health of all the employees of Roxas District Office**.

However, with the existence of **public health emergency**, the danger to the employees is even **magnified**. The **absence** of a toilet facility **exclusively** for the use of the district office's employees poses an even greater threat for all the employees and the PAO clientele.

Worst, when the pandemic started, **the vacant rooms near the district office were utilized as quarantine facilities**. Even the whole of the gymnasium was used for the municipality's quarantine facility.

Apart from sharing such common comfort room with the other employees of both local and national government housed in the gymnasium building before, we now get to share the said comfort room with the locally stranded individuals and other persons required to undergo quarantine.

Both the staff in the District Office has co-morbidities. For Mrs. Alona Paylago, she has an auto-immune disease, as for Mrs. Mary Anne Soledad, she has persistent anemia and some blood related illness.

In the year 2020, Mrs. Paylago just recovered from her illness. In fact, our Chief, Dr. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta assisted and gave help when she got sick and asked her to travel to Manila so that she can be treated.

Of lately, as can be seen from the daily time record (March 2021) of the employees of the district office, both our staff, Mrs. Mary Anne G. Soledad and Mrs. Alona G. Paylago filed a leave from work for having flu-like symptoms. Although quite alarming, the municipality has no immediate and accessible facilities to determine whether the flu-like symptoms were caused by the COVID-19 or some other virus or pathogen.

It is worrisome that the life and health of employees are placed in a dangerous situation when we queue in with other people most especially those who are having their mandatory facility quarantine in the rooms of the gymnasium premises.

Although our office has practiced the minimum health protocols like daily disinfection, cleanliness and observation of proper hand hygiene, we cannot control any form of transmission for having used a common comfort room with other people whom we are not sure of whether they are carriers of said virus or not.

Being legal front liners, it is troublesome that we might be carriers of said virus without us knowing for having **contracted the same from vulnerable facilities such as the common comfort room.**

Around the fourth to the fifth week of March 2021, all the employees felt ill **hampering the rendition of our vital public legal services.** As either one of the staff was absent during that week, the longer time for the delivery of legal services was observed.

As this is the "new normal" and we are far from "going back to how things were", as much as we wanted to stay where our physical office is at now, continuation of sharing a common comfort room with all other persons found in the gymnasium building is an **everyday exposure to COVID-19 or any virus which poses a threat to the life and health of all the employees of the District Office.**

The District Office is immensely grateful to the Municipality of Roxas for their support by providing for free office space and electricity.

However, the need for a toilet of our own is particularly felt by all the employees of the District Office, most especially, during this time of public health emergency.

Thank you very much and hoping for your favorable consideration on this request.

Respectfully,



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OIC - Public Attorney III

Roxas, Oriental Mindoro District



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INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 101

Series of 2021

February 26, 2021

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2(b) of Executive Order No. 168 mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases to prevent and/or minimize the entry of suspected or confirmed patients with emerging infectious diseases into the country;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health received reports regarding a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 (B.1.1.7 or VUI 2020/12/01) spreading in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) and another variant identified in South Africa (501.V2);

WHEREAS, Memoranda of the Executive Secretary provided for additional measures to be observed relative to the SARS-COV-2 Variant detected in the United Kingdom including the imposition of travel restrictions on countries/jurisdictions where the new COVID-19 variants were officially reported, and subjected Filipino citizens coming from the same countries/jurisdictions to an absolute 14-day quarantine period notwithstanding a negative Reverse-Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test result;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures is necessary to ensure the utmost protection of the health of the Filipino people.

WHEREAS, as of February 25, 2021, there are a total of Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven (32,437) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the uniform travel protocols for land, air, and sea of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, crafted in close coordination with the Union of Local Authorities of the



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Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines, and the League of Cities of the Philippines, with the following salient provisions:

A. On Minimum Public Health Standards:

1. **Minimum public health standards, which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of face masks and face shields among others, shall be strictly implemented across all settings; and**
2. **Clinical and exposure assessment shall be strictly implemented in all ports of entry and exit to ensure that only asymptomatic, non-close contact individuals are allowed to travel or enter the local government unit of destination. Health assessment of passengers, supervised by medical doctors, shall be mandatory upon entry in the port/terminal and exit at point of destination;**

B. On Testing and Quarantine:

1. **Testing shall not be mandatory for traveler except if the LGU of destination (province with respect to their municipalities and component cities, and highly urbanized cities [HUCs] and independent component cities [ICCs]) will require testing as a requirement prior to travel, and such shall be limited to RT-PCR; and**
2. **No traveler shall be required to undergo quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms upon arrival at the LGU of destination;**

C. On Documentary Requirements:

1. **Travel Authority issued by Joint Task Force COVID Shield and health certificates shall no longer be required;**
2. **Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) from national government agencies and their attached agencies must provide their identification card, travel order, and travel itinerary, and must pass symptom-screening at ports of entry and exit pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 98-A issued on February 4, 2021.**

D. On Information and Communication Technology Solutions:

1. **The Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall be institutionalized as the one-stop-shop application/communication for travelers. For this purpose, a focal person from the province with respect**



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to their municipalities and component cities, and from HUCs and ICCs shall be assigned; and

2. The StaySafe.ph System shall be utilized as the primary contact tracing system. Traze App for airports, and such other existing contact tracing applications must be integrated with the StaySafe.ph System following IATF Resolution No. 85 issued on November 25, 2020.

E. On Ports/Terminals:

1. All terminals must have assigned sufficient quarantine/isolation facilities;
2. All ports and terminals shall put in place a referral system wherein travelers who become symptomatic shall be transferred to quarantine/isolation facilities to enable the Bureau of Quarantine for airports, or local health officials in case of LGUs, to take over;
3. For the National Capital Region, all buses bound for provinces shall be required to use the Integrated Terminal Exchange as the central hub for transportation. No bus company or public transport shall be allowed use of their private terminals; and
4. At their option, LGUs may provide transportation for all travelers who are transiting from one LGU to another in cases of arrivals at air and seaports to their end-point destinations.

These uniform travel protocols shall be applicable to all LGUs and may be further refined and/or amended jointly by the DILG, DOH, DOT, DOTr, DOST, and the PNP, without further need of an IATF issuance. For this purpose, the aforementioned agencies as well as other identified agencies, and the local government units are enjoined to ensure smooth implementation of these protocols.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.



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APPROVED during the 101st Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 26th of February 2021 *via* video conference.


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Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the interim OIC-Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014 and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. 101 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 26th day of February 2021, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
OIC-Head of the Secretariat, IATF
Assistant Secretary of Health



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1021

**EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE STATE OF CALAMITY
THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE
2019 DECLARED UNDER PROCLAMATION NO. 929, S. 2020**

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the Constitution, it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020, was promulgated on 16 March 2020 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, through the joint efforts of the government and the public, significant strides have been achieved in enhancing and improving the country's capability to implement measures against the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths continue to rise despite efforts and interventions to contain the same;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121, or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has recommended the extension of the declared State of Calamity throughout the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, this extension will, among others, effectively afford the National Government, as well as local government units (LGUs), ample latitude to continue utilizing appropriate funds, including the Quick Response Fund, in their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, monitor and control prices of basic necessities and prime commodities, and provide basic services to the affected populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby extend the declared State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective 13 September 2020 to 12 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant.


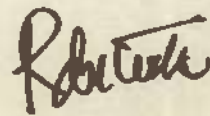
THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

All government agencies and LGUs are enjoined to continue rendering full assistance to and cooperation with each other and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate disaster response aid and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19.

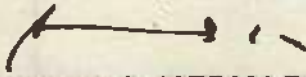
All law enforcement agencies, with the support from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, are hereby directed to continue undertaking all necessary measures to ensure peace and order in affected areas, as may be necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



By the President:



SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary

