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Ref. **PPCC/RL/CEO/145/2021**

May 4, 2021

Hon: Yusador S. Gaye
ACTING AUDITOR GENERAL
General Auditing Commission
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Gaye:

Subject: **REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO USE THE RESTRICTED BIDDING METHOD OF PROCUREMENT FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICE WITH REDUCTION IN PUBLICATION TIME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.**

We present compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your second letter responding to PPCC's query and seeking the approval of the Commission for the General Auditing Commission (**GAC**) to use the Restricted Bidding Method for the procurement of vehicle maintenance service ("the Service"), with a reduction in lead time.

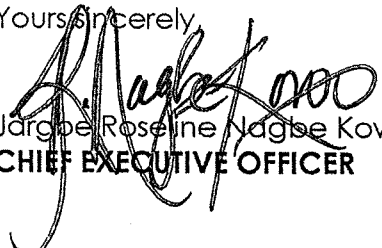
The Commission, upon review of your request and justification, renders "**No Objection**" for the GAC to use the Restricted Bidding method for vehicle maintenance service with a two (2) weeks reduction in lead time consistent with the PPCA.

The Commission caveats the GAC to adhere to the PPCA Section 51 (1) in the execution of their approved process, and ensure that bids solicited are evaluated in line with Sections 30 (2) and 62 of the PPCA.

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and deems it a priority that remain primarily in compliance with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve Transparency, Accountability, Fairness, Equality and ultimately public confidence in our procurement and concessions processes.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,


Jargoe Roseanne Nagbe Kowo (Atty.)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Regulating and Monitoring Compliance with the Public Procurement and Concession Act of Liberia

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

To: Atty. Jargbe Roseline Nagbe Kowo
CEO/ED

Thru: Himmie E. Langford
Director, CMD

From: Titus K. Tikwa, Jr
Sr. Compliance and Monitoring Officer

Date: April 26, 2021

Subj: Findings from General Auditing Commission (GAC) Request for "No Objection" to Use Restricted Bidding (RB) for Vehicle Maintenance Service

In continuation of the review of additional documents in connection with the General Auditing Commission (GAC) request for "No Objection" to use the Restricted Bidding (RB) method of procurement with a reduction in the lead time for the preparation and submission of bids from four (4) weeks to two (2) weeks, the GAC has responded to the Commission's query pertaining to the request mentioned herein indicating that the validity period of bids has expired and hence re-evaluation of the bids received as requesting by the Commission would require requesting bidders to extend the validity period of their bids, something that is optional as per the related ITB in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) issued by the Commission. Based on the response provided by GAC, it's worthwhile to indicate that bidders may not accept to extend the validity period of their bids as same is optional and not mandatory.

Recommendations:

In view of the foregoing, it's recommended that GAC's request to use the RB method of procurement with a reduction in the lead time for preparation and submission of bids be granted. However, GAC should be advised to follow the basic procedures of the method as required by Section 51 (1) of the PPCA by inviting all known registered vendors for Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance Service as per the PPCC Vendor Register. Further, GAC should be counsel to ensure bids solicited during the conduct of their future procurement activities are done win line with Sections 30 (2) and 62 of the PPCA.

Respectively yours;



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April 21, 2021

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Received:
Dennis Taylor
April 22, 2021
Time: 10:01

Subject: **Response to PPCC Query on "No Objection" to Use Restricted Bidding Method as Well as Reduction in Publication Time (FY 2020/2021)**


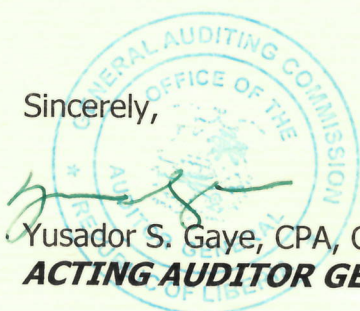
Dear Atty Kowo:

We present our compliments and wish to thank the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) for its tireless efforts aimed at strengthening the public procurement sector of Liberia and ensuring that there is value for money in the utilization of public resources.

The Procurement Committee (PC) of the General Auditing Commission (GAC) has reviewed the query as detailed in your letter dated March 19, 2021 (ref. PPCC/RL/CEO/089/'21), and herewith kindly appeals to the Public Procurement and Concessions Commission (PPCC) to grant the "No Objection" as mentioned in its first request. The appeal is based on the fact that the validity of the bids submitted in October 2020 has expired, and using the same bids to re-evaluate will require requesting extension of validity. It may be inferred that the bidders who participated may not accept the extension request because the same process was relaunched but these bidders failed to participate, even after they were encouraged to do so.

Thank you as we strive to promote accountability, transparency and good governance across Liberia.

Sincerely,

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ACTING AUDITOR GENERAL, R.L.

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