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Public Procurement & Concessions Commission

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February 12, 2021

Hon. Wilhemina S. Jallah

MINISTER

Ministry of Health

Monrovia, Liberia

Subject: **PPCC's RESPONSE (MOH's REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" FOR REDUCTION IN LEAD TIME TO PROCURE COVID 19 LABORATORY SUPPLIES)**

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter, seeking the Commission's approval for the Ministry of Health request for reduction in lead time for the procurement of Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits.

The Commission, having reviewed your submissions, justifications and subsequent clarifications, given the **exigency** of this request, the nature of the procurement relating to urgently providing Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits relating to the global COVID Pandemic, and for the sole objective of saving lives, renders an exception, and grants approval for reduction in lead time for the preparation and submission of bids. **This exception is exclusive and the PPCC caveats MOH, that this should not stand as a precedence for future conduct of procurement processes. Furthermore, the MOH's should commence their processes early so as to address these urgencies and exigencies when they arise.**

The Commission notes that the Invitation to Bid, **must be** published on the **PPCC, Executive Mansion, MOH** and **WHO's** websites and in relevant international trade/tender alerts publications, **including the UNDB, Dg Market and UNGM, so as to ensure that this bidding opportunity reaches interested and suitably qualified bidders.** Please note that there should be evidential showings of these publications.

The MOH is reminded to submit contract award information and copies of contracts for the FY 2019/2020 under the GOL and all donor funding, and inclusion of contracts for Covid related activities, for Commission's review as required.

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and deems it a priority that you remain **primarily** in compliance with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve transparency, accountability, fairness, equality and ultimately public confidence in our public procurement and concessions processes.

Yours sincerely,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


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

Memorandum

February 12, 2021

To : Atty. Jargbe Roseline Nagbe Kowo
Chief Executive Officer
Public Procurement and Concessions Commission

Thru  : Mr. Himmie E. Langford
Director, Compliance & Monitoring Division

From : Barsay M. Dowah 
Officer, Compliance & Monitoring Division

Subject: Ministry of Health (MOH) Submission of Special Project Procurement Plan (Covid-19) and request for "No Objection" for Reduction in Lead Time for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

The Ministry of Health, consistent with section 40 of the Amended and Restated Public procurement and Concessions Act, 2010, has submitted its special project procurement plan for review and approval. The Ministry of Health also request the Commission's "No Objection" to reduce lead time from six weeks to three weeks for the purchase of Laboratory Supplies using the International Competitive Method of Procurement. The Ministry reported that this will ensure that there is no stock out at the lab. The following required documents along with the special Covid-19 procurement plan were received and reviewed thoroughly to ensure compliance by the Act:

- Documentary evidence (Budget and Cash Plan) of budgets to verify the availability of funds for procurement packages; and
- Special Project procurement plan (Covid-19).

A careful review of the Covid-19 special project procurement plan has been conducted to ensure compliance. Below are the findings;

- That MOH Special Project Procurement plan is in compliance with section 40 of the PPCA;

In Light of the foregoing, I recommend:

- That the Commission approves the Ministry of Health Special Project Covid-19 Procurement Plan.
- On the basis of the justification provided by the MOH, conducting an ICB process using the required six weeks would risks the Ministry of Health through the Incident Management System IMS to stock out on Laboratory supplies which are cardinal to the fight against Covid-19. Hence, to ensure efficiency and timely acquisition of the 100,000 Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test kits and to avoid the worst case scenario, I recommend that the Commission grants the Ministry of Health request for “No Objection” to reduce lead time from six(6) weeks to four(4) weeks to conduct its International bidding process to procure Laboratory Supplies.

Best Regards,



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February 3, 2021

Dear Hon. Kowo:

Submission of the Special Project Procurement Plan for COVID-19 Fiscal Year 2020/2021

We are pleased to present our compliments and submit the Ministry of Health Special Project Procurement Plan for your approval for FY2020/2021. The Ministry of Health through the Incident Management System IMS intend to enter a draw down contract with a firm for a one-year period. This Plan is intended to procure 100,000 pieces of Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits over a year, but we intend to fix the price with the selected firm over a year which will ensure that there is no stock out and prices at the same time remains constant at the contract period. Payment for the commodities will be provided for, under the COVID-19 testing fees as collected. The commodities will be brought in on the basis of needs and availability of funding.

The attached plans are consistent with the Amended Public Procurement & Concessions Act of 2010, Part-IV, Section 40(3),

" After review and any modification by the Procurement Committee, the Entity shall furnish a copy to your Commission for approval."


The Ministry is seeking no objection in reduction of the lead time from six weeks to three weeks which will ensure that there is no stock out at the lab. The procurement process for the assignment will commence when the procurement plan is approved.

The Ministry also wants to inform you that the previous approval mechanism submitted remains the same for the Ministry.

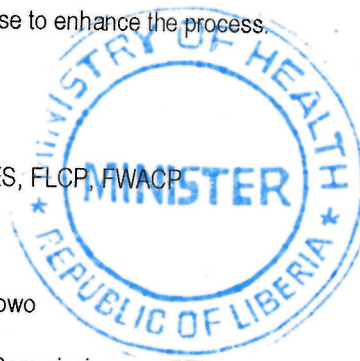
Attached is documentary evidence of budgets to authenticate the availability of funds from the COVID-19 activities.

We look forward to a speedy response to enhance the process.

Sincerely yours,


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