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July 10, 2023

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Stevenson S. Yond
OFFICER-IN CHARGE
Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC)
Republic of Liberia
Executive Mansion Grounds
Capitol Hill, Monrovia, Liberia

Received:
Dennis Taylor
July 12, 2023
Time: 12:58pm

Dear Mr. Yond:

Subject: REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO AWARD CONTRACT

The Management of the National Port Authority (NPA) extends its compliments and writes to Request for "NO OBJECTION" to award contract to Supplying West Africa Trader (SWAT) INC for the supply of Rice (Employees Monthly Ration) under the contract package IFB N0. NPA /SBA/RB/001/2023.

This request is consistent with Section 31 (1) of the PPCA, the Act states that "Except in the case of emergency and with the prior approval of the commission, the Procurement Committee shall deliver to the Commission a notice of intend to award a contract exceeding the threshold as established by the Regulations promulgated by the Commission. No procuring Entity shall enter into a procurement contract above the Thresholds established by Regulations promulgated by the Commission unless a minimum of fourteen (14) days have lapsed since the notification of the intend to award a contract was delivered to the Commission."

As you are aware, we opened the bids, submitted them to an Evaluation Committee to verify assertions in the bids. The Committee's report revealed that the lone bidder **Supplying West Africa Trader (SWAT)** emerged as the most substantially responsive bidder with an amount of **US\$574,056 (Five Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Fifty Six United States Dollars)**. Kindly note that the initial approved amount of **US\$414,960 (Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty United States Dollars)** was understated by **US\$159,096 (One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Ninety Six United States Dollars)**. The additional amount will be transferred from contingency in our current budget to augment the budget line **5638-1708U** rice ration employees.

The National Port Authority would like to thank the Commission for its usual understanding and cooperation and assures the Commission that it will continue to strive for integrity, transparency, equity and prudence in all its procurement processes. Please be assured of the NPA's fullest cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Diana Nebo
MANAGING DIRECTOR



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July 21, 2023

Hon. Diana Nebo
MANAGING DIRECTOR
National Port Authority
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Nebo:

Subject: **REQUEST FOR "NO OBJECTION" TO AWARD CONTRACT TO SUPPLY WEST AFRICAN TRADERS, (SWAT) FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ANNUAL RICE RATION.**

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter which sought the approval of the Commission for the National Port Authority to award Contract to West African Traders, (SWAT) for the supply and delivery of Annual Rice Ration for FY 2023, in the amount of **US\$547,056.00 (five hundred forty-seven thousand fifty-six United States dollars)**, in accordance with Section 40 (3) of the PPCA, 2010 and Section 55(d).

The Commission, upon review of your submissions, highlights the following:

- That the National Port Authority submitted (Hard copies) including: letter of invitation, bidding document published by NPA, supplier's submission to invitation (SWAT), bid evaluation report, procurement committee meeting minutes, bid opening minutes, letter appointing BEP members;
- That five (5) companies submitted bids: Namely, K&K Trading Corporation, Fouani Brothers Corporation, Fouta Corporation, Supply West African Traders, (SWAT), United Commodities, Inc. respectively;
- That the Supply West African Traders (SWAT) was deemed the most responsive and successful bidder for the supply and delivery of Annual Rice Ration for FY 2023.

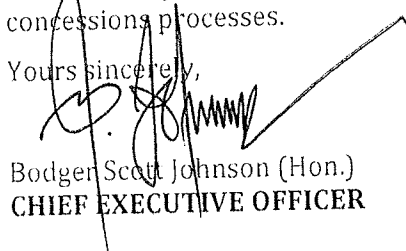
The Commission, upon overall review of the NPA's request and justification states below:

That "No Objection" is rendered for the NPA to award Contract to Supply West African Traders, (SWAT) for the supply and delivery of Annual Rice Ration for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of **US\$547,056.00**.

Please note that all contracts which cumulative annual value above the threshold of **US\$250,000.00** must be signed by the Minister responsible for Finance and attested by the Minister responsible for Justice.

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 procurement and concessions processes.

Yours sincerely,


Bodger Scott Johnson (Hon.)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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