

## Republic of Liberia Public Procurement & Concessions Commission

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To: All Participating Bidders and stakeholders

## RE: Publication of Notice of Complaint

The Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC) hereby notifies bidders that participated in the Liberia Maritime Authority (LiMA) procurement for the Construction of an Annex under IFB.NO.LiMA/SP/ICB/001/25, that a Complaint/Request for Review has been filed by BMC GROUP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY with the PPCC in keeping with Section 125.1(a)(b) of the Public Procurement & Concessions 2010 Act.

In its complaint, BMC GROUP alleges that LiMA violated the PPC 2010 Act, Section 31, (*Time for Entering into Contract*) and severally other provisions of the Act, when it selected, awarded and entered into contract with RESCO.

BMC GROUP avers that RESCO, the company selected as the most responsive bidder, did not submit audited financial statement in its submission which was a requirement. When this issue was raised in the presence of RESCO representative during the debriefing meeting, he remained silent and did not confirm that the audited financial report was part of RESCO's bid submission. However, LiMA came in defense of RESCO, stating that the audited financial report was part of RESCO's bid submission.

BMC GROUP further alleges that it submitted its bid price distinct from its contingency price to LiMA during the bid process. However, as a calculated means to reject its bid, LiMA without any notice, whatsoever or consent, merged its bid price with that of the contingency price thereby increasing its total bid price and subsequently denying and rejecting it as being financially unresponsive.

Pursuant to the above, BMC GROUP avers that on several occasions, it requested copy of the debrief meeting minutes to form part of its record. LiMA, initially agreed and assured it (BMC GROUP) that a copy of the meeting minutes will be made available for its record. However, to date, LiMA has failed and refused to provide said minutes.

BMC GROUP contends that the action of LiMA, as stated above is a violation of procurement best practice and the PPC 2010 Act for which, it is praying this Panel for relief consistent with law.

Other participating bidders who may be affected by the resolution of this complaint, are requested to file their notice of appearance with the Complaint Appeals and Review Panel (CARP) within seven (7) days, upon publication of this Notice by the Commission, declaring an interest to appear at the hearing in keeping with Section 126(9).

Issued in Monrovia this 25th Dev of April, A.D. 2025.

Signed:

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