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SUBJECT: 1. Request for Slight Modification of Technical Specifications for 29 units Brand New Biodegradable Waste Shredder and 29 units Brand New Composter

> 2. Request to modify limitation of 29 units Brand New Solar Powered 4G Network Camera Kit

Dear Ms. Dacayana,

This has reference to the REQUEST FOR SLIGHT MODIFICATION/LIMITATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF 29 UNITS BRAND NEW BIODEGRADABLE WASTE SHREDDER, 29 UNITS BRAND NEW COMPOSTER AND 29 UNITS BRAND NEW SOLAR POWERED 4G NETWORK CAMERA KIT you have submitted to this Office on April 19, 2022.

Please be informed that the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) conducted a meeting together with the Technical Working Group (TWG) to review and discuss your concern. However, we regret to inform you that the BAC and its TWG unanimously agreed to DENY your request with the following grounds:

- ➤ First, your concern should have been raised on April 18, 2022 during the conduct of Pre-bid Conference, which is the proper venue for concerns/issues regarding specifications of the subject equipment. However, your office did not send a representative to attend the pre-bid conference. Please note that pre-bid conference is a venue to discuss, clarify and explain, among other things, the eligibility requirements and the technical and financial component of the contracts to be bid including questions and clarifications raised by the prospective bidders before and during the Pre-bid Conference.
- Second, the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the contracts to be bid is centralized, it was provided by EMB Central Office and disseminated to all EMB regional offices nationwide to be the guide and reference. It is best to address your concern to EMB Central Office since they are the one who provided the TOR.

Lastly, the BAC had an impression that if we grant your request, it might violate Section 18 of RA 9184 which mandates that reference to brand names shall not be allowed, since we will be modifying the technical specifications of the subject equipment based only from one prospective bidder's suggestion.

For your guidance and reference.

Very truly yours,

Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee