

Pursuant to Section 9 of the IRR, the following shall be invited as observers, who shall sit in and monitor proceedings of the BAC as non-voting members.

- (a) One (1) Representative from the Commission on Audit (COA)
- (b) One (1) Representative from the Philippine Constructors Association (PCA) or the National Constructors Association of the Philippines (NACAP) or an association recognized by the CIAP.
- (c) One (1) Representative from an end-user group or a non-government organization (NGO). Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement between DPWH and the Volunteers against Crime and Corruption (VACC), their representative shall come from the latter as NGO.
- (d) The DPWH Resident Ombudsman, per earlier proposal approved by the Secretary.

To ensure uniformity in the application of procurement rules and procedures both Committees shall be assisted by the existing Secretariat that shall have the functions and responsibilities prescribed in Section 11 of said IRR. For consistency in review of prequalification and bid evaluation and as provided under Section 12, the Secretariat shall also act as the Technical Working Group of the BAC. The head of the Secretariat shall sit as non-voting member of the BAC.

To avoid delays in the completion of pre-construction activities and ensure earliest start of construction of projects whose advertisement, prequalification evaluation, and/or bid evaluation are already on-going or has already been started by the erstwhile Bids and Awards Committee, said BAC shall still function as such for this purpose, except as otherwise directed by the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Central Office BAC concerned is authorized to approve the constitution/reconstitution of the Regional, District and Sub-District Bids and Awards Committees in his designated area.

Any and all existing Department Orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed accordingly.

This Order shall take effect 01 July 2002.


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Secretary