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Bids and Awards Committee (Infrastructure)

September 5, 2025

Mr. MANUEL T. COQUIA

Sole Proprietor
MANIMELDS CONSTRUCTION AND IRON WORKS
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Dear Mr. Coquia:

This pertains to your request for reconsideration in relation to your bid for the project:
Construction of the College of Arts and Humanities Building, Phase I (2025-22A).

After a thorough deliberation of your request for reconsideration by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), we regret to inform you that the BAC resolved to DENY your Request for Reconsideration on the grounds stated in the attached **Res. No. 2025-999**.

Very truly yours,

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Bids and Awards Committee (Infrastructure)

Resolution No. 2025-999

DENYING THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MR. MANUEL T. COQUIA, SOLE PROPRIETOR OF MANIMELD’S CONSTRUCTION AND IRON WORKS, IN RELATION TO HIS BID FOR THE PROJECT “CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BUILDING PHASE I (IB No. 2025-22A)

WHEREAS, during the Opening of Bid for the project: **CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BUILDING PHASE I (IB No. 2025-22A)** held on August 26, 2025, the bid of MANIMELD’S CONSTRUCTION AND IRON WORKS, was declared ineligible on the following ground that the pledged Safety Officer (Phil Julienne D. Dupingay) did not meet the required three (3) years experience as Safety Officer. Based on the years of experience indicated in the biodata, the Safety Officer (Ms. Dupingay) has an accumulated experience of 1 year and 1 month;

WHEREAS, the bidder timely submitted its request for reconsideration on September 1, 2025, on which he admitted that if based on contract duration of all projects, the pledged Safety Officer is short of the 3-year experience. However, he conferred another way of computing the required 3-year experience as quoted;

WHEREAS, this committee has thoroughly deliberated upon the grounds/s relied upon by the bidder as contained in the following table of the bidder’s ground and this committee’s ruling:

Movant/Bidder's Grounds/Argument	BAC's Rulings
The bidder argued that the accumulated years of experience of the Safety Officer should not only be derived by summing up all the periods of the projects but include also those periods where there are no ongoing projects.	In the preliminary examination of documents, the Committee is bound to examine the bidding documents based on pass/fail criteria vis-à-vis the requirements as stated in the bidding documents. In section 30.1 of the IRR of RA 9184, it states, among others, during the opening of bids, the BAC will check the submitted documents of each bidder against a checklist of required documents to ascertain if these are all present and correct, using a non-discretionary “pass/fail” criterion. Bids that fail to include any requirement or are incomplete or patently insufficient shall be considered as failed. The Committee raises no objection to the cited functions and responsibilities of the pledged Safety Officer. However, there were no attached documents to support the stated functions or to show that the Safety Officer has met the required three (3) years of relevant experience. Based on the attached biodata, the accumulated relevant experience of the Safety Officer (Phil Julienne D. Dupingay) is only one (1) year and one (1) month. Even if the bidder has documents readily available to support the three (3) years of relevant experience of the pledged Safety Officer, these cannot be accepted. Accepting such documents would amount to a modification of the bid after opening, which is prohibited by law. Section 26.1 of the IRR of RA 9184 states: “A bidder may modify its bid, provided that this is done before the deadline of the submission and receipt of bids. Where a bidder modifies its bid, it shall not be allowed to retrieve its original bid, but shall only be allowed to send another bid equally sealed, properly identified, linked to its original bid and marked as a “modification,” thereof, and stamped “received” by the

	BAC. Bid modifications received after the applicable deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned to the bidder unopened."
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WHEREAS, during the Opening of Bids, the Committee initially considered the submitted Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License based on the validity indicated in the license itself, which is until **December 19, 2026**. However, upon review and pursuant to the **notations made by the Commission on Audit (COA)**, acting as an observer during the said Opening of Bids, it was noted that the **registration under the said license expired on July 9, 2025**. In line with **GPB Circular No. 04-2019**, particularly Section 4.1, which provides that: "For purposes of complying with the eligibility requirements as provided under Section 23.1(a)(vi) of the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 9184, bidders must submit a **valid PCAB License or Special PCAB License in case of Joint Ventures, and registration for the type and cost of the contract to be bid,**" it is clear that the PCAB License must not only be valid in terms of its license validity but must also reflect **active and current registration for the type and cost of the project being procured**. Accordingly, and in observance of the applicable procurement rules and regulations, **this Bids and Awards Committee hereby rescinds its initial acceptance of the submitted PCAB License**, on the ground that the required registration had **expired as of July 9, 2025**, and thus fails to comply with the eligibility requirements under RA 9184 and its IRR.

WHEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby done, to **DENY** the Request for Reconsideration filed by , **MR. MANUEL T. COQUIA**, Sole Proprietor of **MANIMELD'S CONSTRUCTION AND IRON WORKS**, in relation to its bid for the project: "**CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BUILDING PHASE I (IB No. 2025-22A)**"

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

La Trinidad, Benguet, Philippines, this 3rd Day of September, 2025.


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