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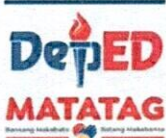
**SUBMISSION OF PROCUREMENT PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION
IN THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION IN
CONNECTION WITH THE 2023 BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**
All Others Concerned

1. Attached hereto is the Memorandum signed by Atty. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO, Undersecretary for Operations, and Atty. GERARD L. CHAN, Undersecretary for Procurement, dated September 28, 2023, requesting the **submission of a list of procurement projects requesting for exemption for the upcoming 2023 Barangay and SK Elections (SBKE)**.
2. In this regard, all Schools Division Office of this region are directed to accomplish Annex A as the template for the requested project information which shall be uploaded through this link: <https://bit.ly/ProcurementProject2023BSKE>, **on or before October 2, 2023**, for consolidation by this Office to be submitted to the DepEd Central Office.
3. The said Annex A can also be downloaded through the given link.
4. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.


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MEMORANDUM

TO : Undersecretaries
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Schools Division Superintendent
All Others Concerned

FROM : *Revsee A. Escobedo*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

Gerard L. Chan
ATTY. GERARD L. CHAN, CESO I
Undersecretary for Procurement

SUBJECT : Submission of Procurement Projects for Inclusion in the
Department's Request for Exemption in Connection with the
2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections

DATE : September 28, 2023

1. This has reference to the prohibition against the release, disbursement, or expenditures of public funds and construction of public works, delivery of materials for public works, particularly with respect to procurement of related projects, in connection with the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.
2. Under Section 261(v) of the Omnibus Election Code (OEC), an election offense is committed by any public official or employee who, during forty-five days before a regular election and thirty days before a special election, releases, disburses or expends any public funds. This prohibition covers any and all kinds of public works except those enumerated under Section 261(v.1).

Also, under Section 261(w) of the OEC, an election offense is committed during the period of forty-five days preceding a regular election and thirty days before a special election, by any person who: a) undertakes the construction of any public works, except for projects or works exempted in the preceding paragraph; or b) issues, uses or avails of treasury warrants or any device undertaking delivery of money, goods or other things of value chargeable against public funds.

3. Public works refer to infrastructure projects as defined under Section 5(k) of Republic Act No. 9184, i.e., construction, improvement, rehabilitation, demolition, repair, restoration or maintenance of roads and bridges, railways, airports, seaports, communication facilities, civil works components of information technology projects,

irrigation, flood control and drainage, water supply, sanitation, sewerage and solid waste management systems, shore protection, energy/power and electrification facilities, national buildings, school buildings and other related construction projects of the government.¹

4. Pursuant to COMELEC Resolution No. 10905,² dated May 3, 2023, the prohibition on the release, disbursement or expenditures of public funds are effective during the campaign period or from October 19, 2023 to October 28, 2023.
5. COMELEC Resolution No. 10944,³ dated August 9, 2023, further prescribes the guidelines on the issuance of Certificates of Exception and Exemption, **which pertains only to the following**:
 - a. Prohibition against the release, disbursement, and expenditure of public funds for social services and development;⁴ and
 - b. Prohibition against Construction of Maintenance of Barangay-funded Roads and Bridges.⁵

The following are the periods of prohibitions:

- a. For social welfare projects:
 - i. September 15, 2023 to October 30, 2023, for national, regional, provincial and local government units and those of government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries⁶
 - ii. October 20 to 30, 2023, for those that will be implemented by the barangay
 - b. October 20 to 29, 2023, for the construction or maintenance of barangay-funded roads and bridges.
6. In view of the foregoing, particularly in relation to Item 5, the Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices are directed to submit their respective lists of procurement projects included in the prohibition under COMELEC Resolution No. 10944 thereby necessitating a request for exception or exemption from COMELEC **on or before October 3, 2023**. The DepEd Central Office shall consolidate and submit all requests to COMELEC for the entire DepEd.
7. For uniformity of project information, and in order to facilitate immediate submission, attached as Annex A is a template, for your reference.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

¹ Reference: GPPB Circular No. 03-2021, dated December 2, 2021, Item 3.2.

² Revised Calendar of Activities and Periods of Certain Prohibited Acts in Connection with the October 30, 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE).

³ Rules and Regulations on the Prohibition against the Release, Disbursement, or Expenditures of Public Funds and Construction of Public Works, Delivery of Materials for Public Works, and Issuance of Treasury Warrants and Similalr Devices under Sections 261(V) and (W) of the Omnibus Election Code in Connection with the October 30, 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

⁴ Section 3-17.

⁵ Section 18-26.

⁶ Except those provided under Section 8 of the COMELEC Resolution.

NAME OF REGION/DIVISION/SCHOOL

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Endorsed and approved by:

NAME OF OFFICIAL _____
DESIGNATION _____
SIGNATURE _____