

ANNEX “A”

PROJECT: CENTRALIZED AIRCON DUCT CLEANING AT MAIN BUILDING AND MAKATI BUILDING

QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS RAISED DURING THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

	Query/Clarifications	TWG/BAC Reply
1	With regard to duct sealing, as stated in the scope of work, please note that cleaning and sealing are entirely separate works. Kindly confirm whether any special equipment is required specifically for the duct sealing.	Yes, there are sealing equipment and tools to be used in the project. For the details, please see Annex “A-1”
2	Is it possible for a small player to participate in the bid? Although, the amount of ABC is a little high considering the project can only be amounted to P3M.	Yes, as long as the prospective bidder can comply to all the requirements of the project, the bidder can participate in the activity.
3	Is it necessary to have an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) tester to ensure the air quality?	Yes, it is necessary for the testing of air quality before the cleaning of air condition ducts.
4	How many sampling points are required per floor?	For the typical floors, at least two sampling points are required.

WRITTEN QUERIES:

	Query/Clarifications	TWG/BAC Reply
1	<p>We respectfully request an exemption from DOLE 174 Registration Certificate. We Understand the purpose of this order, it aims to ensure fair labor practices protect Workers rights and prevent labor only contracting. We at EPSCO believe our company Follow all the legal rights of our employees. Paying the right salaries on time and all mandatory obligations were paid. All our employees are regular employees. No Dole and NLRC pending case. We had the valid business permit, Valid Tax Clearance, updated Audited Financial Statement and General Information Sheet. Yes, we don't have that certificate but all of its requirements were met. We can also assure you that EPSCO work with highest safety standards as Kelvin Bruce the founder of EPSCO is a Certified Safety Trainer under US safety standards. Jennifer Bruce the owner undergoes a Construction Occupational Safety and Health Training and we also have safety officers</p> <p>In 2016 EPSCO won the bidding for this kind of project SSS Centralized Air- Conditioning Duct Cleaning at SSS Main & SSS Makati and we successfully done the project</p> <p>Moreover we request a consideration for an exemption from the NC2 requirement and the mandatory use of scaffolding in the centralized air-conditioning duct cleaning project for SSS. The nature of the work involves short-duration tasks at manageable heights, where the use of ladders is more appropriate and efficient than scaffolding.</p> <p>Ladders offer significant advantages for this type of project. They are highly portable and can be easily repositioned to accommodate various access points across the ducting system. Unlike scaffolding, which requires considerable time and space to assemble and dismantle, ladders can be quickly set up and moved, allowing the team to complete tasks faster without compromising safety.</p> <p>Moreover, the cleaning work does not involve prolonged standing or heavy material handling at height, minimizing the need for a scaffolding's working platform. Our team is equipped with the proper training and follows strict safety protocols in ladder use, ensuring compliance with occupational health and safety standards.</p> <p>Given the limited height, short task duration, and mobility needs of the project, we believe the use of ladders is more practical and safer. We hope this justification supports our request for an exemption to streamline operations without sacrificing safety or quality.</p> <p>EPSCO Industrial Services Philippines Inc. is a well-established specialist cleaning Company since 1995. Kelvin Bruce the founder of EPSCO is the only NADCA Certified Air Duct Cleaning Company in the Philippines. We work to US standards NADCA (National Air Duct Cleaners Association) ACR 2013 as well as UK standards TR 19 covering ventilation system hygiene. We had the expertise in Air Duct Cleaning.</p> <p>We humbly request to give us a consideration to be a participant on the upcoming June 3, 2025 bidding.</p>	<p>We maintain our requirements, DOLE 174 Registration Certificate and TESDA NCII- Scaffolding Works</p>
2	<p>In relation to the project of Centralized Air-Conditioning Duct Cleaning at Main Building and Makati Building with ITB-SSS-GOODS-2025-023, we would like to formally inquire regarding the Special Conditions of Contract Scope of Works as stated:</p> <p>“10. Airduct sealing will be done if leaks are detected in the system. Sealing airducts saves energy, gives better comfort, increases health productivity and prolong equipment life. “</p> <p>We kindly request clarification on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific process, equipment to be used and testing methods involved in the duct sealing procedure. This will help us understand the scope of work and its technical execution needed in the project. 2. Does the Lowest Calculated Bidder need to present the duct sealing equipment to be used during the post-qualification? 	<p>Yes, please see Annex “A-1”</p> <p>No, it is not necessary</p>

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS/ISSUANCE:

	Particulars	Remarks
1	Additional Scope of Works under Section V- Special Conditions of the Contract	“Annex A-1”