



## CERTIFICATION

### Undertaking of Early Procurement Activities (EPA)

I hereby certify that Science Education Institute (SEI) has not successfully undertaken Early Procurement Activities for at least 50% of the value of eligible Procurement Projects based on the agency's Indicative Annual Procurement Plan consistent with the National Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 in the following amounts:

Description <sup>1</sup>	Total Amount (in PhP)
a. Total Amount in Indicative APP	<u>279,739,485.61</u>
b. Less: Exclusions <sup>2</sup>	<u>75,556,060.59</u>
c. Total Value of eligible EPA projects [c=(a-b)]	<u>204,183,425.02</u>
d. Amount of Successful <sup>3</sup> EPA projects	<u>84,947,100.00</u>
e. Percentage of Successful EPA [e=d/c]*100]	<u>41.60%</u>

Failure to achieve at least 50% of the Total value of eligible EPA projects was due to the following reasons:

- a) The big bulk of the budget was for the lease of venue and accommodation, but early procurement activity is not possible since lease of venue depends on the region where the activity will be conducted;
- b) Conduct of the security printing of test materials, answer sheets, qualifying examination and publication of qualifiers depend on the improvement of the pandemic situation;
- c) Hiring of highly technical consultants and procurement of works which are scientific in nature, scholarly or artistic, exclusive technology and media services took a share in the budget but cannot be done through early procurement activity due to the complexity of specific job/project requirements hence, take longer periods of time to conduct market research to establish the terms of reference.

This Certification is being made in compliance with the General Administration and Support Services Target of the Guidelines on the Grant of the Performance-Based Bonus for the Fiscal Year 2021, of the Administrative Order No. 25 Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information, and

<sup>1</sup> Amount and values refer to the Approved Budget for the Contract.

<sup>2</sup> GPPB Circular 06-2019 dated 17 July 2019

<sup>3</sup> Section 4.2 of DBM Circular 2018-8 dated 30 July 2018 provides that "Early Procurement activities shall refer to pre-procurement conference until post-qualification of bids and recommendation by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) to award the contract to the winning bidder. Therefore EPA is considered successfully conducted if the necessary steps prior to the award were undertaken.

Reporting Systems Memorandum Circular No. 2020-1, pursuant to the Implementation of EPA issued under Government Procurement Policy Board Circular No. 06-2019.

The undersigned attests to the accuracy of all information contained herein based on available records and information that can be verified with the Science Education Institute (SEI) and the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System.

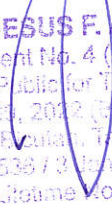
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature on \_\_\_\_\_ in Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

  
**JOSETTE T. BIYO**  
Director

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this JAN 31 2022, in Taguig City, Philippines, with affiant exhibiting me his/her \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_\_\_ at TAGUIG CITY

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Highly Technical Consultants. In the case of individual consultants hired to do work that is (i) highly technical or proprietary; or (ii) primarily confidential or policy determining, where trust and confidence are the primary consideration for the hiring of the consultant: Provided, however, That the term of the individual consultants shall, at the most, be on a six month basis, renewable at the option of the appointing HoPE, but in no case shall exceed the term of the latter