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SUBJECT

DESIGNATION OF A/SEC. RAUL C. OFFICIAL LIAISON OF THE DPWH TO THE COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT IN COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS DEPARTMENT AND THE COALITION AGAINST CORRUPTION (CAC) THROUGH CAUCUS OF DEVELOPMENT NGO

NETWORK (Code-NGO).

In order to effectively carry-out the objective of the Commitment of Support and Cooperation Agreement between Coalition Against Corruption (CAC) through Code-NGO and this Department, A/Sec. RAUL C. ASIS is hereby designated as official liaison of the Department of Public Works and Highways in addition to his present duties and responsibilities.

Acting Seci

/Code NGO Representative

COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COALITION AGAINST CORRUPTION

The **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)**, represented by the Secretary, Hon. Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr.

- and -

The COALITION AGAINST CORRUPTION (CAC), represented by the CAUCUS OF DEVELOPMENT NGO NETWORKS (CODE-NGO) Chairperson, Aurora Tolentino.

hereby agree and jointly manifest the commitment to uphold and advance the principles of good and effective governance in the implementation of public works project.

WHEREAS, the DPWH manifests an open-door policy by directly engaging civil society organizations in monitoring the implementation of public works projects;

WHEREAS, the CAC seeks to institutionalize people's participation in government program monitoring as well as to assist government agencies in identifying operational problems;

WHEREAS, both DPWH and CAC recognize the need to empower citizen's groups in the monitoring and evaluation of programs for the purpose of improving implementation and to acknowledge exemplary performance of the agency;

WHEREAS, the CAC through CODE-NGO has developed a unified monitoring system that will monitor public works projects;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, the DPWH officially designates CODE-NGO through the **Coalition Against Corruption Program**, to monitor the implementation of public works projects;

In consideration of the above, all parties agree to recognize the following responsibilities:

The DPWH shall ---

- assign a point-person who shall act as liaison with the CAC project team;
- provide all relevant information to the CAC project team and make available for interviews all DPWH personnel concerned with the programs that will be monitored;
- authorize CAC volunteers as official watchdogs by authorizing them to scrutinize the implementation of public works projects, and to assist in

the filing/prosecution of cases against erring department officials and employees;

provide written feedback and comments on the report submitted by CAC

trained volunteers.

The Coalition Against Corruption, through CODE-NGO shall ---

 have the responsibility of undertaking capacity-building activities for the identified volunteers which include, among others, the preparation of training modules, and the actual conduct of training seminars;

develop templates that will be used in monitoring public works projects;

 actively deploy volunteers who will visit identified project sites and conduct monitoring based on the planned public works project versus actual accomplishments;

 present to the DPWH the preliminary report (i.e., findings, recommendations) prior to a public presentation and engage the DPWH in dialogues regarding issues/concerns/problems uncovered in the monitoring;

• organize public fora where the findings of the monitoring will be

presented.

The implementing guidelines of this "Commitment of Support and Cooperation" shall be jointly formulated by the herein parties.

Signed this 25th day of February 2005 in Quezon City.

HON. HERMOGENES E ENDANE, JR.
Secretary, DPWH

AURORA/TOLENTINO
Chairperson, CODE-NGO

WITNESSES

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