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NOTE

F O R : DDG MIJARES/CSO - *Markus 1/10/08 5:15 pm.*
R e : Chairman's Neri's Requests from NEDA
D a t e : 9 Jan. 2008

Sir,

1. Re attached requests of Chairman Neri, may we please request CSO to handle the preparation of the NEDA response. I had discussions with HEA Lourdes Reyes about this so that we can settle the matter without need for an official reply from NEDA but she informed me that Chairman Neri is requesting for an official response.
2. During our Jan 04, 2008 meeting attended by you, the undersigned and Directors Abrenilla and Quitoriano, I gathered the following recommendations:
 - 2.1 The NEDA Head may continue to allow the detail of NEDA personnel and the assignment of the NEDA vehicle and 3 cellphones as a matter of courtesy to the former NEDA DG
 - 2.2 The renewal of the contracts of the 5 consultants would place NEDA in a very awkward situation. Besides we have to contend with COA rules and regulations.
3. May I just add that in the preparation of the NEDA response the following concerns as raised by the Organization of NEDA Employees (ONE) and other concerned groups at NEDA be taken into account:
 - 3.1 NEDA has already provided substantial support by honoring the contract of the 5 consultants until December 31, 2007 not to mention the detail of 3 NEDA personnel plus a close-in security and the assignment of the Isuzu Crosswind and 3 cellphones to CHED. NEDA ONE is questioning the propriety of such arrangements and is requesting NEDA Management to cease from continuing the same arrangements this year and uphold NEDA's interest this time. Their contention is CHED could very well provide the support needed by its Chairman.
 - 3.2 NEDA-ONE and other concerned groups has also relayed to ODG that many NEDA personnel are demoralized by the practice of hiring consultants that are receiving substantial salaries, thus, during the Dec. 11 ManCom meeting, the NEDA-ONE position as relayed by Mr. Walter Bataller is for NEDA to discontinue the hiring of these consultants and that all NEDA resources

assigned at CHED be rightfully returned to NEDA in the meantime that Chairman Neri is appointed at CHED. Their contention is that the services of the NEDA personnel detailed at CHED (namely the NEDA HEA, Chauffeur of the NEDA DG and Utility Worker) are not of a specialized nature that may warrant a detail arrangement between 2 agencies aside from the fact that NEDA itself need these resources.

4. Given the above, it may be prudent for NEDA to grant only the requests that can be justified from COA scrutiny.

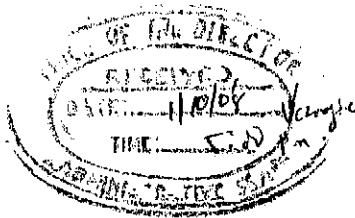
I have discussed the above with HEA Lourdes Reyes and she assured me that Sec. Neri would surely understand if there are indeed constraints that NEDA has to contend with if it continues to accommodate the requests.

For your consideration pls. Thank you

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Cc: Dir. Abrenilla/LS
Dir. Quitoriano/AdS

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Hon. AUGUSTO B. SANTOS
Director-General
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
12 Saint Josemaria Escriva Drive
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Dear **DG Santos**:

Greetings from the Commission on Higher Education!

The Office of the Chairman of this Commission would like to request NEDA the renewal of contracts of the following Technical Consultants assigned to the Office of the NEDA Director-General.

- a) Atty Paul P. Lentejas
- b) Atty Heraldo A. Dacayo, Jr.
- c) Engr. Arsenio D. Mesion
- d) Mr. Tomas B. Eizaguirre, and
- e) Mr. Antonio S. Manalo.

Upon renewal of their contracts, I also would like to request that said consultants be detailed to the Commission through the extension of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between NEDA and CHED which, will end in 31 December 2007. (Please see attached)

The renewal and subsequently their detail to the Commission is deemed necessary in order to ensure the continuity of the special assignments such as, but not limited to the NEDA Productivity Enhancement Projects (PEP) that the undersigned initiated while in NEDA.

I look forward to your positive response. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ROMULO L. NERI
Chairman

Cc: DDG Nestor R. Mijares, IV, CSO
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Dear **DG Santos**:

Greetings from the Commission on Higher Education!

We would like to request the extension of detail of the following personnel from the Office of the Director-General (ODG) to the Office of the Chairman of this Commission through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).


- a) Ms. Lourdes C. Reyes, Executive Assistant
- b) Mr. Felino I. Torsar, Administrative Aide VI
- c) Mr. Antonio F. Enriquez, Administrative Aide III
- d) Mr. Antonio L Alvarado, Close-in-Security

The detail of the said personnel is deemed very necessary to provide assistance to the Chairman of this Commission.

In addition, we would like to request the continuous use of NEDA support vehicle and equipment as mentioned in the earlier MOA between NEDA and CHED, which will end this 31 December 2007. (Please see attached)

I look forward to your favorable response. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


RÓMULO L. NERI
Chairman

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