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**Office of the Bids and Awards Committee**

**BID BULLETIN NO. 2**

**(For Lot No. 2 of BAC-M-Ref No.2009-023)**

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Herewith attached are the answers of the Committee on Specifications for the aforesaid procurement.

Please be guided accordingly.

23 February 2010

  
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**MEMO FOR :** Atty. MARIA LEA R. ALARKON  
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee.

**SUBJECT :** Specifications for Election Forms and Supplies

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We respond to your Memoranda dated February 9 and 17, 2010, relative to Forms and Supplies Without Specifications, and Queries During the Pre-Bid Conference for Padlock, Indelible Stain Ink, Carbonless Paper, Fingerprint Takers and Serially Numbered Seals, respectively, as follows:

**February 9, 2010 MEMO**

The specifications for the items mentioned in this Memorandum shall be the same as those used in the immediately preceding election, except for the following:

1. *Paper Seal for PCOS and Ballot Box* – There is no more need to procure this supply;
2. *Ballot Secrecy Folder* – The specifications shall be prescribed in an en banc Resolution that will be forwarded to the BAC;
3. *Marking Pen for Testing and Sealing* – There is no more need to procure this supply; and
4. *GI for OAV* – There is no more need to procure this since softcopies will instead be distributed to the embassies/consulates;

**February 17, 2010 MEMO**

Should the requirement that the indelible in stain be restricted to having COOMASSIE BLUE only or can the prospective bidder be allowed to provide an alternative such as blue dye as provided in the specifications?	As early as 1998, the Commission already prescribed blue dye as an alternative specification to coomassie blue because aside from it being just
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*lapel*  
*plm*  
*magte*

	<p>a branch of the family of blue dyes, which merely provide instant, albeit temporary, stain, the main component of the indelible stain ink that ensures long-lasting stain is the silver nitrate ingredient. Moreover, the Commission allowed the use of blue dye to guarantee wider competition among manufacturers/bidders. Consistent with the previous specifications of indelible stain ink, blue dye is an option that a bidder may take.</p>
As to the specification on the thermally fused hologram on the paper seal, is this similar to "HALF FOIL STAMPING"?	Thermally fused hologram is the same as "HOT FOIL STAMPING".
Is it possible to do away with the specification that the paper seal should have thermally fused hologram considering that production of the mold for this alone will take at least sixty (60) days?	No.
What is the width strip size of the "thermally fused hologram strip"?	9mm
What is the required range of temperature for the "thermochromic ink" and should it be reversible or irreversible?	35 degrees, reversible ink.
What specific kind of "visible security fiber" is needed on the paper seal? Can it be pure black or should it be invisible flou?	Security fiber can be of any color, provided it is visible.
Should the paper seal be matte coated or wood free or book paper? What liner, Brazil or Crop liner?	Uncoated wood free paper. Brown kraft backing liner.
What kind of adhesive should be used on the paper seal?	Acrylic hot melt adhesive.
Should the paper seal have an assigned serial	Yes.



number?	
Should the thermally fused hologram be from end to end or should it be placed between the edges?	End to end, from top to bottom of paper seal.
Should the thermochromic ink be used only on the logo of the paper seal, for the text only or should it be for both text and logo?	Thermochromic ink on the logo only.
What is the specific weight (in pounds) of the "kraft mailing envelope" under item number 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 301 and 31?	Use same specifications as those for the immediately preceding election.

Please be advised further that in order to guide the BAC in procuring election requirements, henceforth, the election forms and supplies that have not been provided with new specifications shall be presumed to have the same specifications as those used for the immediately preceding election.

For your consideration.

23 February 2010.


**The COMMITTEE ON SPECIFICATIONS**

  
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