## IMPORTANT NOTICE/ADVISORY

On July 24, 2017 the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), thru its statutory counsel, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC), received a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) from the Regional Trial Court Branch 143, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines in Civil Case No.12-530 and 12-1011(For Indirect Contempt) entitled, "Philippine Gaming Management Corporation (PGMC) versus Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Margarita P. Juico, Ma. Aleta L. Tolentino, Betty B. Nantes, Mabel V. Mamba (accused)."

The pertinent portion of TRO dated July 21, 2017 and signed by the Hon. Judge Maximo M. De Leon, among others, provides:

"WHEREFORE, viewed in the light of the foregoing considerations, the application for the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order is GRANTED. Accordingly, the respondents are hereby ENJOINED not to proceed with the public bidding scheduled on July 27, 2017. This Temporary Restraining Order is effective only for a period of twenty (20) days to be reckoned from receipt of this Order by the respondents. However, this Order is without prejudice to any ruling of the Supreme Court in connection with the pending application for TRO/Prohibitory Injunction filed by PCSO with the Honorable Supreme Court. xxx"

(Emphasis supplied)

In view thereof, the scheduled deadline for the issuance of bid documents at 9:30AM; deadline for bid submission at 10:00AM; and bid opening at 1:00PM respectively on July 27, 2017 including all other procurement activities arising from, connected with, or incidental to SBAC I Contract No. 2017-01 (Re: Five (5) years lease of the Nationwide Online Lottery System), is hereby **SUSPENDED** until August 14, 2017 (Monday), subject to further notice/s from this Committee consistent with the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations; and without prejudice to the possible and subsequent Issuances/Resolutions/Orders from the Regional Trial Court Branch 143, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines in Civil Case No.12-530 and 12-1011.

Let a copy of this notice/advisory be published at PHILGEPS; this agency's website (<a href="www.pcso.gov.ph">www.pcso.gov.ph</a>); conspicuous places within PCSO premises; and to furnish all bidders who properly secured bid documents.

July 25, 2017, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

Chairperson
Special Bids and Awards Committee I