CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE RE-ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES OF SENIOR CONSULTANT FOR MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS – IN THE EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This CONTRACT entered into this _____ day of <u>B 10 2020</u> 2020 in the City of Manila, Philippines, by and between:

The **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**, a government agency of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office at the 6th Floor, DOF Building, Roxas Boulevard, Manila, herein represented by **Undersecretary BAYANI H. AGABIN and Undersecretary MARK DENNIS Y.C. JOVEN**, hereinafter referred to as the "**DEPARTMENT**";

-and-

Mr. ALEXANDER R. MAGNO, of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Bldg. 25, Appt. 44, BLPC, Pagasa, Quezon City, hereinafter referred to as the "CONSULTANT".

WITNESSETH That:

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) deemed it necessary to reengage the services of Senior Consultant for Media and Public Relations – in the External Communication who shall provide technical assistance in matters pertaining to technical expertise;

WHEREAS, as provided under Section 53.7 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (Revised-IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, negotiated procurement is allowed 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 that the term of the individual consultant shall, at the most, be on a six (6) month basis renewable at the option of the appointing Head of the Procuring Entity (HoPE), but in no case shall exceed the term of the latter:

WHEREAS, the re-engagement of the services of Mr. Alexander R. Magno is necessary where his technical expertise can be fully tapped;

WHEREAS, under the DOF Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Resolution No. <u>236-2019</u>, it was resolved to recommend the approval of the negotiated procurement of the consulting services of Mr. Alexander R. Magno because the work to be performed is highly technical in nature;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT shall re-engage the services of the CONSULTANT for the provision of the Services for the period January 10, 2020 – June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT is willing to provide the services and technical assistance to the DEPARTMENT;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT has issued Obligation Request and Status No. 011011012020-01-000028 dated January 20, 2020 certifying that adequate funds have

been duly appropriated for this procurement in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereto have agreed as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CONSULTANT shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. To assist in developing and implementing activities for public awareness of key Department of Finance (DOF) issues and initiatives;
- b. To implement media relations plan in close collaboration with other communication consultants and relevant DOF staff;
- To research and draft speeches or provide inputs for statements to be delivered by the representative or another senior officer at a public or internal event;
- d. To develop partnerships with various stakeholders and to solicit their involvement in the implementation of the DOF program, as needed. Heading public and media relations for the Office of the Secretary and the DOF;
- e. To propose and execute strategic communications plans for the DOF;
- f. To conduct needed public relations operations, with deliverables including press and photo releases, media advisories and announcements; and
- g. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Office of the Secretary.

2. CONSULTANCY FEE

For and in consideration of the Services rendered by the CONSULTANT, the DEPARTMENT hereby agrees to pay the former a monthly fee of ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT PESOS AND 27/100 (Php103,448.27), subject to withholding tax and any and all taxes payable to the government. All payments made under this CONTRACT shall be subject to applicable government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to fringe benefits, representation and transportation allowance, and other allowances and incentives given to DEPARTMENT employees.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The CONSULTANT commits to provide technical, objective and impartial services to the DEPARTMENT and at all times uphold its paramount interests without consideration for future work assignments that may place the CONSULTANT in a position of not being able to carry out the assignments in the best interest of the DEPARTMENT.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE/NON-DISCLOSURE

Except with the prior written consent of the DEPARTMENT, the CONSULTANT shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the performance of the Services, nor shall the CONSULTANT make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services. For purposes of this clause, "Confidential Information" means

any information or knowledge acquired by the CONSULTANT arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Services under this CONTRACT that is not otherwise available to the public.

NO EMPLOYER – EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONSULTANT assigned to the DEPARTMENT is not an employee of the DEPARTMENT. It is further understood and agreed that any personal injury, death or damage sustained by the CONSULTANT during the performance of his duties or while within premises of the DEPARTMENT attributable to the acts, omissions, or fault of the DEPARTMENT shall be the liability of the official, employee or agent concerned.

6. CONSULTANT'S LIABILITY

The CONSULTANT shall indemnify the DEPARTMENT for any and all damages that the DEPARTMENT may incur due to the fault, negligence, error or omission of the CONSULTANT, without prejudice to other legal remedies available to the DEPARTMENT.

7. EFFECTIVITY DATE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT

This CONTRACT shall be in force for the period of January 10, 2020 – June 30, 2020.

8. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Either the DEPARTMENT or the CONSULTANT may terminate this CONTRACT no less than thirty (30) days upon service of prior written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto set their hands this day of 2020 at Manila, Philippines.

CONSULTANT

By:

ALEXANDER R. MAGNO

Consultant

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

By:

BAYANI H. AGABIN Undersecretary

MARK DENNIS Y.C. JOVEN
Undersecretary

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
City of Manila) s.s

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at the place and on the day first above written.

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Republic of the Philippines **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Roxas Boulevard Corner Pablo Ocampo, Sr. Street Manila 1004

January 27, 2020

Mr. ALEXANDER R. MAGNO Consultant Bldg. 25, Appt. 44, BLPC, Pagasa Quezon City

Subject:

NOTICE TO PROCEED

Dear Mr. Magno:

In view of the award of the Contract for the re-engagement of services as Senior Technical Consultant for Speech and Research – in the External Communication of the Office of the Secretary ("the Contract"), you are hereby given Notice to Proceed to render said consultancy services for this Department.

This Contract shall be effective from January 10, 2020 – June 30, 2020.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BAYANI H. AGABIN Undersecretary

MARK DENNIS Y.C. JOVEN Undersecretary

CONFORME:

ALEXANDER R. MAGNO

Date: Sawary 2