

Kalahi-CIDSS Region 3 conducts conference with interested sub-project contractors

As one of the core programs of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan – Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS) aims to empower poverty-stricken communities in the country. Along with its implementation, the program also facilitates cooperation, not only between the community and local government unit, but also with the service providers and contractors of the sub-projects.

To attract credible contractors for competitive bidding on sub-project construction, the Kalahi-CIDSS Region 3 organized the 2016 Regional Contractors' Conference held at Top Star Hotel, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, November 17. This activity aims to discuss the technical aspects of sub-project implementation, as well.

“Kung mananalo po kayo sa bidding, ang makaka-transaksyon ninyo sa pagtatayo ng sub-projects ay ang mga tao mismo sa komunidad. Huwag po kayong mag-alala dahil may kakayanan naman po sila at tinuruan namin sila ng mga kailangang kaalaman sa sub-project implementation,” said Engr. Ranel Lombres, Regional Community Infrastructure Specialist, as he discussed a brief background about Kalahi-CIDSS. Regional Finance Analyst Keisha Morales also provided a comprehensive presentation on financial aspects, processes, and requirements concerning the contractors' roles in sub-project

Despite the technicalities of the matters discussed in the conference, it was filled with light, chatty vibe, with the

attendees showing sincere interest on participating in the Departments' program.

“Dito sa pagdalo ko sa conference, na-engganyo akong sumali at makiisa sa layunin ng Kalahi-CIDSS. Nalaman ko rin kung ano yung mga layunin ng programa at bilang isang pribadong business man, masaya ako dahil may pagkakataon din pala akong makatulong sa mga nangangailangan,” said Leonilo H. Beltran, general manager of N. Beltran Solar and Electrical Supply and Construction, an Aurora-based construction company.

A total of 21 contractors from Region 3 attended and actively participated in the event. Common questions raised by the attendees were about technical processes, rules on warranty, mode of payment, and contractor requirements.### (Ma. Dennielle M. Lomboy)