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Ref. PPCC/RL/ACEO/1181/25

November 25, 2025

Hon. Roland Layfette Giddings
MINISTER
Ministry of Public Works
Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. Giddings:

Subject: PPCC RESPONSE: "NO OBJECTION" TO CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KPAYEWELLEH RIVER BRIDGE – FISCAL YEAR 2025

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter which sought the approval of the Commission for the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) revised contract sum of US\$4,613,945.43 for the expansion scope of works under this contract package (Contract No. MPW/NRF – W – 0021 – 22/23).

The Commission, upon review of your submissions, states the below:

- That the MPW submitted (Hard copies) including: transmittal letter, notification of change in the Kpayekwelleh River Bridge span length, copy of PPCC's "No Objection" of the original scopes and drawings, evaluation report, procurement committee meeting minutes, bid opening minutes, etc.
- ❖ That this adjustment is justified by critical technical, economical and national interest considerations arising from unforeseen site conditions;
- ❖ That the MPW request is consistent with Section 55 (1c) of the PPCA. However, the National Road Fund commitment letter that was sent to the Commission with Ref. # JNMM/NRFO/RL/274/2025, committing to fund the Ministry of Public Works deficit in the amount of US\$432,606.37, did not capture the additional funding of US\$2,245,154.40 for the MPW's extension (adjustment) for this contract package.

The Commission, upon a thorough review, request that the MPW provide evidence of the availability of funding to adequately finance the aforementioned project consistent with Section 72 (a, b, c) of the PPCA, 2010.

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and deems it a priority that you remain primarily in compliance with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve transparency, accountability, fairness, equality and ultimately public confidence in our procurement and concessions process.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Himande B. Langford
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October 1, 2025

Hon. Bodger Scott Johnson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Public Procurement & Concessions Commission (PPCC)
Executive Mansion Grounds, Capitol Hill
Monrovia, Liberia

REF: REQUEST FOR NO OBJECTION TO CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KPAYEKWELLEH RIVER BRIDGE (Contract No. MPW/NRF-W-0021-22/23)

Dear Hon. Johnson:

The Ministry of Public Works seeks the Commission's no objection for the approval of the revised contract sum of **US\$4,613,945.43** for the expanded scope of works under the above-referenced project, necessitating an increment of **US\$2,245,154.40**.

This adjustment reflects a **94.78%** increment from the original cost, justified by critical technical, economic, and national interest considerations arising from unforeseen site conditions, as elaborated below:

1. Technical Justification

The original contract for the Kpayekwelleh River Bridge was designed and tendered based on a 2019/2020 site assessment, which determined the river width to be 450 feet. However, upon mobilizing to the site in 2025 for the bridge layout, a joint team from the Ministry and the contractor discovered a significant and unforeseen physical change: the river width had expanded to 825 feet.

This drastic increase of 375 feet is directly attributable to intensive gold and sand mining activities along the riverbanks, which have caused severe erosion and channel widening through:

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- Removal of sediment support and vegetation cover, leaving banks bare and prone to collapse.
- Lowering of the riverbed and increased flow velocity, leading to direct scouring of the banks.
- Excavation and creation of artificial channels, which deflect currents and further destabilize the riverbanks.
- There is no feasible dry-land detour in the locality; safe access currently relies on canoe crossing, heightening life-safety risks that a completed bridge will eliminate.

Consequently, the bridge span must be extended from 450 feet to 825 feet. This extension requires a fundamental redesign, increasing the number of piers from 3 to 5 and significantly increasing the quantities of materials and construction time. The requested adjustment is essential to construct a safe and viable bridge that corresponds to the current geographical reality.

2. Economic Justification

While the cost increase is substantial, the investment is economically prudent for the following reasons:

- **Critical Infrastructure Gap:** The bridge is the only viable permanent crossing point between Bong and Gbarpolu counties in this locality, directly impacting trade, market access, health, and education.
- The current means of transportation is by canoe, which is hazardous and limits economic activity.
- **Long-Term Value:** Constructing a bridge of the correct length ensures its long-term structural integrity and safety, avoiding future costly failures or remedial works.
- **Cost Optimization:** The Ministry's Technical Services Department has already conducted a rigorous review, reducing the contractor's initial proposal for the extra works from US\$3,261,232.00 to US\$2,494,616.00, demonstrating prudent fiscal oversight.

3. National Interest

This project is of significant national importance and aligns with the Government's **ARREST Agenda**:

- **Roads:** The construction of this bridge is a critical milestone in connecting rural populations, facilitating the movement of goods and people, and integrating underserved regions into the national economy.
- **Rule of Law:** The contract adjustment process is being pursued transparently in accordance with the PPCC Act, following the discovery of a material change in site conditions that was not foreseeable at the time of bidding.
- **Agriculture & Trade:** The bridge will provide reliable, all-weather access, boosting trade and agricultural output between Bong and Gbarpolu counties by enabling farmers to reach markets safely and efficiently.
- **Safety:** The project will eliminate the life-threatening risks associated with crossing the river by canoe, thereby saving lives and property.

In light of the above, the Ministry seeks the PPCC's expeditious issuance of a **No Objection** to enable the continuation and successful completion of this vital national project. Attached is the detailed technical memorandum and site photographs for your review.

The Ministry remains committed to working in close coordination with the PPCC to ensure efficiency and compliance in the procurement process.

Please find attached:

- Original Contract
- Addendum Procurement Plan
- Detailed Technical Report
- Procurement Committee Minutes
- Contractor's Proposal for variation

Thanks for your usual cooperation.

Kind regards,



Roland Layfette Giddings
MINISTER



Ministry of Public Works
FY 2025

Addendum Procurement Plan Explanatory Note (Works)

Item No.	Contract Code	Contract Package	Detailed Description
1	MPW/NRF/W /SS/002/25	Construction of Kpayekwelleh River Bridge	This contract package will be used to Single Source the Construction of Kpayekwelleh River Bridge to Arrow Group. This contract package will be funded through the National Road Fund Budget (ARMEP) and the estimated cost is \$ 2,245,154.40

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Director/Procurement

Date: 10-16-25

Approved by:

Prince D. Tambah Sr.

Acting Minister

Date: Oct. 16, 2025



Ministry of Public Works
ADDENDUM PROCUREMENT PLAN
SOURCE OF FUNDING: NATIONAL ROAD FUND OF LIBERIA
Fiscal Year 2025



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	ITEM NO.	BASIC DATA							IMPLEMENTATION DATES									
		PACKAGE NUMBER (CODE)	CONTRACT PACKAGE	Business Activity Code (s)	QTY	ESTIMATED COST (USD)	PROCUREMENT METHOD	TECHNICAL SPECS/BOQ/DRAWINGS	PREP. OF BID DOCUMENT	PC APPROVAL - BID DOC/TECH SPECS	BID INVITATION & RELEASE OF BID DOC	BID SUBMISSION/PUBLIC OPENING	SUBMISSION OF BID EVALUATION REPORT	PC APPROVAL - BID EVALUATION REPORT	CONTRACT AWARD & SIGNING	ADVANCE PAYMENT (MOBILIZATION)	DELIVERY, INSPECTION (SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION)	ACCEPTANCE & FINAL PAYMENT
PLANNED																		
UPDATE	1	MPW/NRF/W/SS/002/25	Construction of Kpayekwelleh River Bridge	F-4290	825 ft	US\$ 2,245,154.40	SS	10/1/25	10/6/25	10/9/25	10/10/25	10/24/25	10/31/25	11/3/25	11/10/25	12/2/25	12/2/26	6/2/27
ACTUAL																		
GRAND - TOTAL						US\$ 2,245,154.40												

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