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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

There are several situations when we can voice out our comments or decisions on important matters. One way is when we vote for our leaders during elections. We can also provide feedback to issues by writing or emailing to the editors of the various media outlets, including newspapers and journals.

The Professional Regulatory Board of Accountancy (“BoA”) launched formally its “Let your voice be heard” Survey project during the oath taking ceremony of the new CPAs in the Philippine International Convention Center on November 27, 2017.

This survey project consists of the BoA putting online surveys that are intended to provide feedback from the various stakeholders to the BoA on pertinent accountancy issues. Those responding to the surveys will be able to communicate to the BoA their perception and comments on relevant matters. Furthermore, the survey results can be the basis for the BoA for formulate any appropriate measures affecting the profession,

Those who are expected to respond to the surveys include Certified Public Accountants (“CPA”), graduates of accounting programs, accounting students and other stakeholders, Since the surveys are online, the accomplishment and tabulation thereof is facilitated,

The CPA respondents to these surveys will be qualified to get Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) credits under the self-directed approach, BoA novelty items will also be given to the respondents via a “raffle” system.

The BoA has been conducting several surveys already and has been using the feedback therefrom in the programs and decisions that has been formulating. To date, several surveys that have been released and/or are on going. These include the Sectoral surveys for CPAs in Academe (“AE”), Public Practice (“PP”), and Commerce and Industry (“CI”); Survey on Satisfaction services of PICPA’ Survey on Access to Accountancy Website and Facebook sites; New CPA Tracker Surveys, and various Mini Surveys.

The surveys which are still open and the links thereto are indicated below as follows:

AE – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPASurveyAE>

PP – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPASurveyPP>

CI – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPASurveyCI>

New CPA Tracker Survey –

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cpatrackerand> <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/102017cpatrack>

Survey on Satisfaction on PICPA -<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mspicpa>

Survey on FB and website - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/webfbfeedbck>

Those interested in taking the surveys have until December 31, 2017 to do this. Those responding to this survey should print screen the last page indicating the completion and submission of the accomplished survey. This will be the basis for CPAs respondents to claim CPD units from BoA under the self-directed arrangement and for claiming the BoA novelty items that will be raffled.

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This column accepts contributions from accountants, especially articles that are of interest to the accountancy profession, in particular, and to the business community, in general. These can be e-mailed to boa.secretariat@gmail.com