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E-trike proposal deadline moved anew

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THE DEPARTMENT of Energy (DoE) has moved the deadline for submission of proposals to supply an initial 5,000 electric tricycles (e-trikes), citing "concerns" that have to be addressed.

"The DoE has reset the...deadline for applications to Oct. 2. There have been concerns raised that needed to be addressed," Lourdes A. Capricho, who heads the department's Alternative Fuels & Energy Technology Division, said in a telephone interview last Friday.

She declined to discuss the concerns, saying they were "not open to the public."

She said the deadline has been moved twice: first from Aug. 17 to Aug. 28, and then from Aug. 28 to Oct. 2.

Supply of 5,000 e-trikes under the first package of the project is allocated as follows: 1,500 units from Mimaropa; 1,000 from Central Luzon; 2,000 from Metro Manila and 500 units from Western Visayas.

The program, partly funded by the Asian Development Bank, targets 20,000 e-trikes by next year and an additional 80,000 units by 2016. -- **D. O. Rivera**

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