Section 16 of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act, mandates that:

"The GPPB shall establish a sustained training program for developing the capacity of the BACs, BAC Secretariats and Technical Working Groups of Procuring Entities, and professionalize the same."

Further, Section 16 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 9184, provides that:

"The HoPE shall ensure that the BAC, its Secretariat and TWG members, including other relevant procurement personnel are sent to attend procurement training or capacity development program. Within six (6) months upon designation, the BAC, its Secretariat and TWG members should have satisfactorily completed such training or program conducted, authorized or accredited by the GPPB through its Technical Support Office.

The HoPE is encouraged to attend similar procurement training and capacity development activities."

To ensure compliance and performance of the Local Government Units (LGUs) with RA 9184 and its IRR and to enhance the procurement training programs for LGUs, the Government Policy Procurement Board Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) requests the assistance of the Department to establish a reliable network of procurement focal persons at the provincial and city levels, in the case of Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities.
All Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister of Local Government are directed to:

1. Designate their respective Provincial Focal Persons on RA 9184, City Focal Person in the Case of HUCs and ICCs, and Municipal Focal Person in the case of Pateros-NCR, who shall perform the following:

   - Serve as partner of GPPB-TSO in identifying priority LGUs in terms of capacity development; and
   - Facilitate, coordinate and communicate matters pertaining to GPPB procurement programs for LGUs.

2. Submit to the undersigned, through the National Barangay Operations Office, not later than 30 July 2019, the name and position of the Designated Provincial Focal Person of each Province, HUC, ICC, and the Municipality of Pateros-NCR, copy furnished Ms. Diane Angela A. Marcos of GPPB-TSO at e-mail address damarcos@gppb.gov.ph.

All concerned Field Officers are enjoined to remind the concerned LGU officials who are members of the respective BAC, its Secretariat and TWG that only procurement trainings or capacity development activities conducted and organized by or through the GPPB-TSO shall be considered compliant with the above-cited provision of RA 9184 and its IRR.

For strict compliance of all concerned.

EDUARDO M. AÑO
Secretary

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