



## RESOLUTION NO. 13-2012

### APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE OPEN CONTRACTING PARTNERSHIP REGIME

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, entitled “An Act Providing for the Modernization, Standardization and Regulation of the Procurement Activities of the Government and For Other Purposes,” took effect on 26 January 2003, while its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) Part A took effect on 8 October 2003;

**WHEREAS**, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), under Section 63 of RA 9184 and its IRR, is mandated to formulate and amend public procurement policies, rules and regulations, and amend the IRR, whenever necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP) Design Workshop was held on 30-31 May 2012 in Loudon, Virginia, USA, which was spearheaded by the World Bank Institute together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST), Transparency International (TI) and other international institutions and Civil Society Organizations;

**WHEREAS**, Open Contracting refers to norms, practices, and methodologies for increased transparency and monitoring in public contracting, including contracts implemented by multilateral donors;

**WHEREAS**, OCP encompasses all aspects of contracting from pre-award activities, contract award, disclosure, and implementation. It covers the variety of contract types, including large scale concessions, such as for extractive industries, infrastructure or commercial agriculture. OCP also represents a space for innovation and for practitioners to develop a systemic and collaborative approach to enhancing contract performance;

**WHEREAS**, at the global level, OCP will facilitate the creation of global principles that governments and standard setting bodies may draw upon in redefining contracting norms in favor of greater transparency and accountability. At the country level, OCP will seek to reinforce good practice on the ground and further enhance disclosure and effective monitoring, including citizen engagement around the use of public resources;

**WHEREAS**, transparency in the procurement process and in the implementation of procurement contracts is one of the principles enshrined in RA 9184 alongside the principles of competitiveness, public monitoring, accountability, and streamlines procurement process;

**WHEREAS**, the submission and posting of the Annual Procurement Plans (APPs), Procurement Monitoring Reports (PMRs), blacklisting orders, and list of non-governmental organizations invited as Observers are required under Executive Order (EO) No. 662, as amended, and Administrative Order (AO) No. 222;

**WHEREAS**, government procurement policies mandate utilization of information and communication technology in promoting transparency in government procurement activities requiring publication of all bid opportunities and posting of all awards and contracts in the

Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) as mandated by RA 9184 and reiterated by AO No. 17;

**WHEREAS**, policies, guidelines, issuances on procurement, such as information on the blacklisted and suspended bidders, resolutions on protests and requests for reconsiderations, APPs and PMRs of various procuring entities are available in the freely accessible website of the GPPB ([www.gppb.gov.ph](http://www.gppb.gov.ph));

**WHEREAS**, given that the OCP core values are already incorporated and have been observed in the Philippines with the passage of RA 9184, the GPPB approved to support the OCP regime on 25 June 2012;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, **WE**, the Members of the **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD**, by virtue of the powers vested on **US** by law, hereby **RESOLVE** to confirm, adopt and approve, as **WE** hereby confirm, adopt and approve, to support the OCP regime inasmuch as its core values of increased transparency, monitoring and accountability, enhanced contract performance, and better deliver of public service are the same principles embodied in RA 9184 and being implemented by the government.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012 at Pasig City, Philippines

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND  
MANAGEMENT**

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**NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL  
DEFENSE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS**

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**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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**PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE**

Attested by:

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