

# GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD

## RESOLUTION NO. 014-2004

### APPROVING THE GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNITION OF THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF CONSULTANTS UNDER SECTION 24.6 OF THE IRR-A OF R.A. 9184

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as “Government Procurement Reform Act”, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) took effect on January 26, 2003 and October 8, 2003 respectively;

**WHEREAS**, Section 24.6.2 of the IRR-A provides that the Umbrella Organization of Consultants shall submit its files of accredited consultants to the procuring entity in accordance with the form prescribed by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) which shall serve as registration of the consultants for its eligibility check under Section 24.7 of the IRR-A;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 24.6.1 of the IRR-A, the Umbrella Organization of Consultants recognized by the Government shall be composed of various organizations of consultants that may be engaged by the Government under the IRR-A and shall accredit its members on the types of services and fields of professions where the members are technically and financially qualified to offer their services;

**WHEREAS**, the list of accredited consultants prepared by the Umbrella Organization of Consultants shall guide the BAC in determining the fields where Filipino consultants are already qualified and capable, and where foreign consultants may not be required;

**WHEREAS**, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) is the appropriate government body that shall recognize the consultants’ umbrella organization in accordance with Section 24.6.1 of the IRR-A;

**WHEREAS**, during the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GPPB held on November 18, 2004, at Unit 2506 Raffles Corporate Center, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the guidelines for recognition of the Umbrella Organization of Consultants was presented for the GPPB’s review and consideration, and the members of the Board discussed and unanimously approved the guidelines.

**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 approve and adopt the attached “GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNITION OF THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF CONSULTANTS.”

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2004 at Pasig City, Philippines

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# **GPPB GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNITION OF UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF CONSULTANTS**

## **I. Overview**

Pursuant to the provision of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), known as “ The Government Procurement Reform Act” and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A, (IRR-A), Section 24.6, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) shall afford recognition of an umbrella organization of consultants composed of the various organizations of consultants that may be engaged by the Government.

## **II. Objective**

In addressing its mission, the GPPB has established the *GPPB Guidelines for Recognition of Umbrella Organization of Consultants* that will identify and recognize organizations of consultants that will promote the growth and national development of the Consulting Industry in the Philippines, in general, and the Filipino Consultants, in particular.

## **III. Guidelines**

The Guidelines will focus on the ability and capacity of the Umbrella Organization of Consultants to encompass all fields of consultancy, to accredit its members on the types of services and fields of profession where the members are technically and financially qualified to offer their services, to maintain an updated list of accredited member consultants, to develop a program of development through training, seminars and continuing education, and to help the Philippine Consulting Industry, in general, and the Filipino Consultants, in particular to develop into world class consultants that can compete in the international market.

## **IV. Criteria**

The GPPB will include the following criteria in recognizing the umbrella organization of consultants:

- The Organization, its Vision, Mission and Objectives

Provide a brief history and background of the organization which confirms its validity and relevance to the fulfillment of the roles and responsibilities as the Umbrella Organization of Consultants. The Organization’s Vision, Mission, and Objective confirm

whether the organization is in line with the criteria required of an Umbrella Organization for Consultants.

- Coverage of Legally Recognized Professions in the Philippines

Covers various types of services and fields of profession, such as but not limited to the following:

- Architecture
- Environmental Planning
- Engineering ( civil, electrical, mechanical, sanitary, electronics and communications, etc.,)
- Master Plumbing
- Landscape architecture
- Interior design
- Accounting
- Brokerage and related professions

- Accreditation System

The presence of a registration and accreditation program and guidelines, monitoring and evaluation of accreditation process, and an accreditation board/committee.

- Nationwide Reach

The presence of regional affiliates confirms and solidifies the existing network of the organization and the reach of its programs and projects. It provides a venue for the growth and development of the Philippine Consulting Industry.

- Liaisons

Maintain active liaison with the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), different government bodies and regulatory bodies for professionals such as but not limited to the following: Philippine Regulatory Commission (PRC); and Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP); Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Professional Technological Council (PTC); Council of Business and management Professionals (CBMP); Council of Professional Health (COPHA); Philippine Federation of Professional Associations (PFPA) and other Accredited Professional Organizations (APOs), and various BACs nationwide particularly

the various agencies and offices that regularly select consultants for government projects.

## **V. Duties and Responsibilities of the Umbrella Organization of Consultants**

The Umbrella Organization of Consultants shall be primarily responsible for the following:

1. Registration and accreditation of member consultants in the organizations based on types of services and fields of professions where the members are technically and financially qualified to offer their services;
2. Preparation and certification of a list of fields and expertise in such fields available with the names of the accredited local consultants which shall be updated annually or as often as necessary and disseminate such list to concerned agencies of eth Government;
3. Regulation/Policing of its members for the development of the consulting Industry;
4. Submission of files of accredited consultants to the Bids and Awards committee (BAC) of the procuring entity in accordance with the form prescribed by the BAC which shall serve as registration of the consultants for the Eligibility Check provided under Section 24.7 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184;
5. Submission of the updated list of accredited member consultants to the GPPB monthly and posting of the list to the organizations' website ;
6. Technical assistance to the GPPB in matters relating to the Consulting Industry;
7. Maintenance of the list of all participating short listed consultants; and
8. To provide observers to requesting agencies for consulting-related procurement activities.

## **VI. Recognition Process**

Recognition of the Umbrella Organization of Consultants shall be done by the GPPB based on the given criteria for evaluation. Recognition will be done on the basis of types or fields of professions covered by the umbrella organization of consultants.