



APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE PILOT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZED PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (MPHILGEPS) UNTIL MAY 2022 AND THE MANDATORY USE OF THE MPHILGEPS FOR THE FY 2023 INDICATIVE ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN (APP) AND THE FY 2023 APP, AND DIRECTING THE PHILGEPS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD-TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICE ACCESS TO ITS PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act”, took effect on 26 January 2003, while its 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on 28 October 2016;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (c) of RA No. 9184 and its 2016 revised IRR mandate that all procurement shall be governed by the principle, among others, of having a “[s]treamlined procurement process that will uniformly apply to all government procurement. The procurement process shall be simple and made adaptable to advances in modern technology in order to ensure an effective and efficient method;”

WHEREAS, Section 63 of RA No. 9184 directs the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to protect national interest in all matters affecting public procurement;

WHEREAS, Section 8.1.1 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 provides that the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) shall serve as the primary and definitive source of information on government procurement. While Section 8.2.4.3 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 provides that “[t]he PhilGEPS may support the implementation of e-Bid submission processes, which includes the creation of electronic bid forms, creation of bid box, delivery of bid submissions, notification to the supplier of receipt of bids, bid receiving and electronic bid evaluation;”

WHEREAS, on 30 July 2013, the Electronic Bidding (E-Bidding) Guidelines was approved through GPPB Resolution No. 23-2013. However, its full implementation was halted after its pilot testing proved that the E-Bidding platform was not fully functional and would require system changes;

WHEREAS, the PhilGEPS continued with its modernization efforts to expand its current functionalities so that the government may finally have a fully electronic government procurement system with functionalities for each stage of the procurement process, from procurement planning to contract implementation;

WHEREAS, during the 12th GPPB Meeting on 22 October 2020, the Board approved through Resolution No. 21-2020 the conduct of the pilot testing of the E-Bidding facility of the Modernized PhilGEPS (mPhilGEPS) from October to December of 2020, including the training of the pilot agencies. The GPPB also directed the PhilGEPS to submit its proposed implementation plan for the E-Bidding facility with the specific functionalities to be rolled out during the period of implementation;

WHEREAS, during the 3rd GPPB meeting on 25 March 2021, the Board through Resolution No. 07-2021 approved the pilot implementation of the E-Bidding facility of the mPhilGEPS from October to December 2021 to provide the PhilGEPS time to test the system and correct any changes *vis-à-vis* the existing provisions of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184;

WHEREAS, during the 2nd Joint GPPB and IATWG Meeting on 12 August 2021, the Board through Resolution No. 13-2021 approved the PhilGEPS' request for extension of the period for the review of the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines and required the PhilGEPS to submit the revised E-Bidding Guidelines on or before 31 August 2021;

WHEREAS, during the 10th GPPB Meeting on 02 December 2021, the Board approved the Revised E-Bidding Guidelines for the pilot implementation of the E-Bidding facility under the mPhilGEPS;

WHEREAS, during the same meeting, the Board directed the PhilGEPS to submit its report within two (2) weeks after the pilot implementation of the E-Bidding facility under the mPhilGEPS, with its proposed amendments to the E-Bidding Guidelines as well as its recommended transition plan for the full implementation of the E-Bidding facility under the mPhilGEPS to provide time for all the stakeholders to make the necessary adjustments and familiarize themselves with the said facility;

WHEREAS, on 07 February 2022, the PhilGEPS submitted its updated mPhilGEPS Implementation Plan for approval to the Board. Thereafter, on 3 March 2022, the PhilGEPS submitted its mPhilGEPS Roll-Out Plan, the updated mPhilGEPS Implementation Plan, the Pilot Implementation Report, and its response to the GPPB-TSO's request for clarification on the previously submitted plan;

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO and the PhilGEPS representatives met on 29 March 2022 to discuss the status of the pilot implementation of the E-Bidding facility under the mPhilGEPS and made further clarification on the submitted mPhilGEPS Implementation Plan. The PhilGEPS then revised its mPhilGEPS Implementation Plan to reflect the agreements made;

WHEREAS, during the 3rd GPPB Meeting on 07 April 2022, the PhilGEPS presented the updated mPhilGEPS Implementation Plan and the status of the pilot implementation. The PhilGEPS also apprised the Board of the issues it has encountered and the actions taken to address those issues;

WHEREAS, in the same meeting, the PhilGEPS requested the Board to: (1) extend the pilot implementation of the E-Bidding facility under the mPhilGEPS until May 2022 because of the issues and delays it has encountered; (2) include six (6) National Government Agencies (NGAs) and six (6) State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) as additional participants in the roll-out of the mPhilGEPS implementation; (3) mandate all Procuring Entities (PEs) to use the mPhilGEPS Annual Procurement Plan (APP) Uploader for the FY 2023 APP; and (4) approve the proposed timeline of the roll-out implementation of the mPhilGEPS;

WHEREAS, during the said meeting, the GPPB-TSO inquired if the proposed additional agencies have confirmed their participation, to which the PhilGEPS informed the Board that it has yet to inform the said agencies. In consideration of this, the GPPB-TSO suggested that the PhilGEPS first communicate with these agencies to ensure their acquiescence and commitment to take part in the roll-out implementation;

WHEREAS, to avoid confusion, the GPPB-TSO likewise recommended that the use of the APP Uploader include the posting of the FY 2023 Indicative APP, which may start in August 2022. Relatedly, to give ample time for the PEs to be familiar with the said facility, the GPPB-TSO further recommended that the orientation to the PEs on the use thereof be undertaken first before the required date of posting. The PhilGEPS agreed and noted as well the need for PEs to register in the mPhilGEPS for the user accounts of the uploader and approver of the APP submission;

WHEREAS, to give the PhilGEPS time to implement system enhancements after the pilot implementation and ensure the readiness of the PEs, the GPPB-TSO also recommended deferring the consideration of the proposed timeline of the roll-out implementation of the mPhilGEPS;

WHEREAS, in light of the planned enhancements to the Procurement Management Information System (PMIS), the GPPPB-TSO also requested that it be given access to the PMIS using the PhilGEPS 1.5 data to aid it preparing position papers, crafting policy recommendations, and conducting lectures, as well as in validating the proposed enhancements to the mPhilGEPS following its pilot implementation;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the GPPB-TSO recommended to the Board the approval of the following:

- a. Extension of the pilot implementation of mPhilGEPS until May 2022;
- b. Mandatory use of the APP Uploader of the mPhilGEPS covering the posting of the FY 2023 Indicative APP, starting August 2022, and the FY 2023 APP. For this purpose, the registration of the PEs for the assignment of the user accounts of the uploader and approver of the APP submission shall be undertaken as early as possible while the orientation shall be done by May 2022; and
- c. Provision of access to the GPPB-TSO on the PMIS using the PhilGEPS 1.5 data which can be used in the review of the existing rules and crafting of policy recommendations to the Board and for the necessary validation of the enhancements to the mPhilGEPS.

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 the following:

- a. Extension of the pilot implementation of mPhilGEPS until May 2022;
- b. Mandatory use of the APP Uploader of the mPhilGEPS covering the posting of the FY 2023 Indicative APP, starting August 2022, and the FY 2023 APP. For this purpose, the registration of the PEs for the assignment of the user accounts of the uploader and approver of the APP submission shall be undertaken as early as possible while the orientation shall be done by May 2022; and
- c. Provision of access to the GPPB-TSO on the PMIS using the PhilGEPS 1.5 data which can be used in the review of the existing rules and crafting of policy recommendations to the Board and for the necessary validation of the enhancements to the mPhilGEPS.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 07 day of April 2022 at Pasig City, Philippines.

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