

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A CIRCULAR EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF 2017 ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN (APP)

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 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on 28 October 2016;

WHEREAS, Section 63 of RA 9184 and its 2016 Revised IRR authorizes the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to formulate public procurement policies, rules and regulations, and amend, whenever necessary, its IRR;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.3.5 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184, "[t]he APP shall be submitted to the GPPB on or before the end of January of the budget year, and shall be posted in accordance with E.O. 662, series of 2007, as amended;"

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO issued Memorandum dated 27 December 2016 reminding all procuring entities of the submission of their respective APPs on or before 31 January 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.3.5 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184;

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO received phone-in queries and written requests for the extension of the 31 January 2017 deadline for the submission of the 2017 APP from various agencies couched on the following reasons, among others, thus:

- 1. On-going transition period within the organization due to the recent appointments of their Head of the Procuring Entities (HoPE), i.e., Board Members and Heads of Agencies;
- 2. Heads of Agencies / Board Members have not yet been appointed;
- 3. The submission of APP is one of Good Governance Conditions in the proposed 2017 Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) Guidelines. Thus, failure to comply with the APP submission would make the concerned agency ineligible for the grant of PBB; and
- 4. As of 23 January 2017, only 35.59% or 662 agencies out of 1,860 agencies covered by the PBB Guidelines have complied with the timely submission of the APP.

WHEREAS, during its Special Meeting on 10 March 2017, the GPPB, after due deliberation and careful review, approved the issuance of a Circular extending the deadline of submission of 2017 APP from 31 January 2017 to 15 April 2017, with a caveat that this is a "one-time extension" only in recognition of the attending circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in view of all the foregoing, WE, the Members of the GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD, by virtue of the powers vested on US by law and other executive issuances, hereby RESOLVE to confirm, adopt, and approve, as WE hereby confirm, adopt, and approve the issuance of a Circular, copy of which is attached as Annex "A", extending the deadline of submission of 2017 APP from 31 January 2017 to 15 April 2017, with a caveat that this is a "one-time extension" only in recognition of the attending circumstances.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 10th day of March 2017 at Pasig City, Philippines.

(SGD) DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND **MANAGEMENT** DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SGD) (SGD) **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY** (SGD) DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** (SGD) **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND** DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SGD) (SGD) DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS **DEFENSE AND HIGHWAYS** (SGD) (SGD) DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND **DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY** (SGD) PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION





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TO : Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the

National Government, including State Universities and Colleges, Government Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, and Local Government Units

SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for the Submission of 2017 Annual

Procurement Plan (APP)

1.0 Purpose

This Circular is being issued to inform all procuring entities of the extension of the deadline for the submission of 2017 APP.

2.0 Coverage

All Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the National Government, including State Universities and Colleges, Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, and Local Government Units.

3.0 Submission of 2017 APP

- 3.1 Pursuant to Section 7.3.5 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, "[t]he APP shall be submitted to the GPPB on or before the end of January of the budget year, and shall be posted in accordance with E.O. 662, series of 2007, as amended."
- 3.2 The GPPB-TSO issued a Memorandum dated 27 December 2016 reminding all procuring entities of the submission of their respective APPs on or before 31 January 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.3.5 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184.

4.0 Request for Extension of Deadline for the Submission of 2017 APP

4.1 The GPPB-TSO received phone-in queries and written requests for the extension of the 31 January 2017 deadline for the submission of the 2017 APP from various agencies couched on the following reasons, among others, thus:

- 4.1.1 On-going transition period within the organization due to the recent appointments of their Head of the Procuring Entities (HoPE), *i.e.*, Board Members and Heads of Agencies;
- 4.1.2 Heads of Agencies / Board Members have not yet been appointed;
- 4.1.3 The submission of APP is one of Good Governance Conditions in the proposed 2017 Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) Guidelines. Thus, failure to comply with the APP submission would make the concerned agency ineligible for the grant of PBB; and
- 4.1.4 As of 23 January 2017, only 35.59% or 662 agencies out of 1,860 agencies covered by the PBB Guidelines have complied with the timely submission of the APP.

5.0 Extended Deadline for the Submission of 2017 APP

- 5.1 Acting on the request of concerned agencies, the GPPB extended the deadline for the submission of 2017 APP from **31 January 2017 to 15 April 2017**.
- 5.2 In this regard, all concerned procuring entities may still submit their respective 2017 APP to the GPPB *on or before 15 April 2017*, and the same shall still be considered as timely submitted.
- 5.3 This extension shall apply only to the submission of 2017 APP and no further extension shall be allowed.
- **6.0** This Circular shall take effect immediately.
- **7.0** For guidance and compliance.

(SGD) **BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO**Chairperson