



RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF HONORABLE LAURA B. PASCUA AS ALTERNATE TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD

WHEREAS, in expression of the Government Procurement Policy Board's (GPPB) sincerest gratitude and in recognition of the invaluable contributions of the Honorable Undersecretary Laura B. Pascua in the area of public procurement, the GPPB agreed to issue a resolution commending her exemplary leadership in instituting and pioneering procurement reforms;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Pascua has served as the Alternate to the Chairperson of the GPPB since its creation in 2003 upon the enactment of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184. Of her almost forty-three (43) years of service in the government, eighteen (18) years of which she has devoted in championing countless procurement reforms that have greatly improved the existing public procurement system of the country;

WHEREAS, with her integrity and irrefutable competence, Undersecretary Pascua has been instrumental in the achievement of the government's procurement reform agenda and has maintained the implementation of RA No. 9184 at par with international standards through the following noteworthy initiatives undertaken by the GPPB under her leadership:

- a. Formulation and adoption of the 2003 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)-A, as well as the subsequent revision thereof which produced the 2009 and 2016 revised IRRs of RA No. 9184 that embodied adaptive and responsive procurement rules;
- b. Conduct of the 2008 and 2012 of the Country Procurement Assessment Report and the ongoing Comprehensive Assessment of the Philippine Public Procurement System using the Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems;
- c. Adoption of the policy supporting the implementation of Green Public Procurement (GPP) and Sustainable Public Procurement in the Philippines through the recognition of Philippine GPP Roadmap aimed to integrate green practices in procurement processes to achieve sustainable public procurement;
- d. Professionalization of government procurement practitioners through the Public Procurement Certification Course made possible in partnership with State Universities and Colleges in order to enhance their public procurement proficiency;
- e. Adoption of a sustainable capacity development program for the government procurement officers and employees that ensured the availability of regular conduct of training activities to keep procurement practitioners competent and abreast on the latest updates in procurement;
- f. Approval of the country's Observer status in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement that allowed the country to participate in WTO Committee discussions, to access working documents, and to learn from the experiences of other countries and be guided on needed reform programs on public procurement; and
- g. Establishment of linkages with development partners such as the Asian Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency, the World Bank, and others to study

and review international best procurement practices to provide added efficiencies in the Philippine public procurement regime;

WHEREAS, together with the strong and able leadership of Department of Budget and Management Secretary Wendel E. Avisado, Undersecretary Pascua facilitated the immediate response efforts of the GPPB in the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic with the timely, effective, efficient interventions to address the pressing needs of Procuring Entities, with the adoption of the following COVID-19 procurement measures, among others:

- a. Measures for the efficient conduct of procurement activities during a State of Calamity or implementation of community quarantine or similar restrictions;
- b. Guidelines for the conduct of procurement activities under RA No. 11469 (*Bayanihan* to Heal as One Act) and RA No. 11494 (*Bayanihan* to Recover as One Act);
- c. Guidelines for the emergency procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and ancillary supplies and services under RA No. 11525 (COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021); and
- d. Use of the GPPB Online Portal to promote transparency and accountability in the conduct of procurement activities under the various laws enacted in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the valuable insights and wisdom of Undersecretary Pascua on all procurement matters under consideration have always been effective in fostering dynamic discussions among the members on the different policy proposals brought before the GPPB;

WHEREAS, the dedication and excellence exemplified by Undersecretary Pascua as the Alternate to the Chairperson of the GPPB, as well as her burning desire and commitment to advance vital and critical procurement reforms, have resulted not only in significant achievements in her personal career, but more importantly, in substantial improvements in the legal and institutional framework of the Philippine procurement system and the promotion of good governance;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing accomplishments and the impending retirement from the public office of Undersecretary Pascua, the GPPB, upon recommendation of the GPPB-Technical Support Office, has deemed it fitting to recognize and commend Undersecretary Pascua's outstanding leadership and dedication in public service;

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 this Resolution recognizing and commending the excellent performance and dedication of **UNDERSECRETARY LAURA B. PASCUA** in her decades-long service as a public servant and as Alternate to the Chairperson of the GPPB. The GPPB and the country owe her a great debt of gratitude for her selfless dedication and for exuding excellence in the delivery of genuine public service, especially for leading the realization of the country's public procurement reform initiatives.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2021 at Pasig City, Philippines.

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WENDEL E. AVISADO
GPPB, Chairperson
**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
MANAGEMENT**

Sgd.

**NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**DEPARTMENT OF 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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

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PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE