



**APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED ELECTRONIC BIDDING GUIDELINES BY THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND REMINDING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (PHILGEPS) TO SUBMIT THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE MODERNIZED PHILGEPS**

**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 63 of RA No. 9184 and its 2016 revised IRR authorizes the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to formulate public procurement policies, rules and regulations, and amend its IRR, whenever necessary;

**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 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. For this purpose, the Electronic Procurement System, established in accordance with Executive Order (EO) No. 322, series of 2000, and EO No. 40, s. 2001, shall continue to be managed by the Procurement Service under the supervision of the GPPB, in accordance with the IRR;

**WHEREAS**, 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**, the PhilGEPS drafted the Guidelines on Electronic Bidding (E-Bidding) to support its implementation and to promote transparency and efficiency, alongside the use of information and communications technology in the conduct of procurement;

**WHEREAS**, the GPPB issued Resolution No. 23-2013 approving the Guidelines for E-Bidding on 30 July 2013, with the PhilGEPS conducting a pilot test of the E-Bidding platform with the PS and the Department of Public Works and Highways. However, based on the results of the pilot testing, the full implementation was halted as the system would require adjustments before it can be fully functional;

**WHEREAS**, the PhilGEPS continued with its modernization efforts to make it fully functional and even expanded its current features towards an electronic government procurement system with functionalities for each stage of the procurement process, from procurement planning to contract implementation;

**WHEREAS**, on 13 August 2020, during the 7<sup>th</sup> Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (IATWG) meeting, the PhilGEPS presented its proposed E-Bidding Guidelines and on 22 October 2020, during the 12<sup>th</sup> GPPB meeting, it submitted to the Board the proposed conduct

of pilot testing of the E-Bidding facility from October to December 2020 and the agencies to be included therein;

**WHEREAS**, the GPPB, through Resolution No. 21-2020, approved the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) that will review the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines, and the conduct of the pilot testing of the E-Bidding facility and other functionalities of the Modernized PhilGEPS (mPhilGEPS); and directed the PhilGEPS to submit its proposed implementation plan for the mPhilGEPS, including all the functionalities to be rolled out during the implementation of the E-Bidding facility and submit the revised guidelines prior to 31 March 2021;

**WHEREAS**, in the same Resolution, the Board adopted the PhilGEPS recommendation for the pilot testing from October to December 2020 while the finalization of the E-Bidding Guidelines was set on 31 March 2021 to ensure that results of the pilot testing will be included in the Guidelines. However, upon request of the PhilGEPS, the review of the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines was extended until the end of July 2021 in order to provide more time to test the system vis-a-vis the existing provisions of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184 and adjust the proposed Guidelines accordingly;

**WHEREAS**, the Board approved Resolution No. 07-2021 during the 3<sup>rd</sup> GPPB meeting on 25 March 2021 and adopted the following:

- a. Extension of the deadline for the review of the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines to not later than the 31 July 2021 and approval of the E-Bidding Guidelines by August 2021;
- b. Inclusion of a transition mechanism in the said Guidelines to give time for the stakeholders to make the necessary adjustments and be familiar with the E-Bidding functionality in the mPhilGEPS; and
- c. Conduct of training by the PhilGEPS for the pilot agencies, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, distributors consultants, and Observers after approval of the E-Bidding Guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, during the TWG meeting on 22 July 2021, the PhilGEPS informed the Group that it will need more time to revise the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines to address the TWG members' comments;

**WHEREAS**, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint GPPB and IATWG Continuation Meeting on 12 August 2021,<sup>1</sup> the GPPB-Technical Support Office recommended to the Board the following:

- a. Approval of the PhilGEPS request for extension of the deadline for the review of the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines from the end of July 2021 to the end of November 2021;
- b. Require the PhilGEPS to submit the revised E-Bidding Guidelines on or before 31 August 2021 to ensure the timely completion of the said review; and
- c. Remind the PhilGEPS to submit the Full Implementation Plan of the mPhilGEPs on or before 31 August 2021.

**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:

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<sup>1</sup> Continuation meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint GPPB and IATWG Meeting held last 28 July 2021.

- a. **APPROVE** the PhilGEPS' request for extension of the deadline for the review of the proposed E-Bidding Guidelines from the end of July 2021 to the end of November 2021;
- b. **REQUIRE** the PhilGEPS to submit the revised E-Bidding Guidelines on or before 31 August 2021 to ensure the timely completion of the said review; and
- c. **REMIND** the PhilGEPS to submit the Full Implementation Plan of the mPhilGEPs on or before 31 August 2021.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021 at Pasig City, Philippines.

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