GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 017 - 2004

RECOGNIZING THE CONFEDERATION OF FILIPINO CONSULTING ORGANIZATIONS (COFILCO) AS 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, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) is mandated under Sec 24.6.1 of the IRR-A to be the appropriate government body that shall recognize the consultants' umbrella organization;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 278 (E.O. 278) dated February 2, 2004 gives preference to the use of Filipino Consultants for foreign assisted infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, the GPPB, during its 7th meeting held on November 22, 2004 at Unit 2506 Raffles Corporate Center, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, unanimously adopted and issued GPPB Resolution No. 014-2004, entitled "Approving the Guidelines for Recognition of the Umbrella Organization of Consultants under Section 24.6 of the IRR-A of R.A. 9184", attached as Annex "A" thereof;

WHEREAS, the COFILCO is a SEC-registered Confederation composed at present of nine (9) member-organizations (Mem-Os) primarily in the fields of architecture, planning, engineering, environmental investigation and general management (covering advisory and review services, pre-investment or feasibility studies, design, construction supervision, management and related services and other technical services or special studies) with an aggregate membership of two hundred (200) consulting firms and three hundred (300) individual professionals;

WHEREAS, the Confederation of Filipino Consulting Organizations (COFILCO) Board of Directors has sought GPPB recognition as an umbrella organization of domestic consultants within the context of R.A. 9184 and its IRR-A;

WHEREAS, COFILCO has committed itself to perform the duties and responsibilities as enumerated in the guidelines for recognition of umbrella organization of consultants;

WHEREAS, during the 8th GPPB meeting held on December 22, 2004, at Unit 2506 Raffles Corporate Center, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the Members of the Board determined that COFILCO satisfied the guidelines under GPPB Resolution No. 014-2004;

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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 recognize, as WE hereby recognize the Confederation of Filipino Consulting Organizations (COFILCO) for a period of one (1) year as the Umbrella Organization of Consultants in a non-exclusive manner for the following types of professions and/or services: architecture, environmental planning/investigation/consulting, engineering (civil/structural, geodetic, electrical, mechanical, sanitary, electronics and communications), master plumbing, landscape architecture, interior design, accounting, project/construction management, management consulting and real estate consulting.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 22nd day of December, 2004 at Pasig City, Philippines

(Sgd) EMILIA T. BONCODIN Secretary Department of Budget and Management

ROMULO L. NERI Director General National Economic and Development Authority

(Sgd) NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

(Sgd) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(Sgd) DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Sgd) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Attested by:

(Sgd) JOSE MARTIN C. SYQUIA Board Secretary, GPPB Executive Director, GPPB-TSO