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Governor
Province of Bohol

Re : Applicability of Republic Act No. 9184

Dear Governor Aumentado:

This refers to your letter dated October 16, 2003 which we received through facsimile last October 17, 2003 addressed to the Honorable Emilia T. Boncodin, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, inquiring as to the effectivity of the Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as "Government Procurement Reform Act" and requesting for a copy of the R.A. No. 9184. The said letter was forwarded to our office for appropriate action.

Applicability of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations

Republic Act No. 9184 was signed by her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on **January 10, 2003**, and was published the following day or on **January 11, 2003**, in two (2) newspapers of general circulation namely, Manila Times and Malaya. In this regard, R.A. 9184 took effect on **January 26, 2003**, pursuant to Section 78 thereof, which we quote:

Sec. 78. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

However, it must be noted that the said legislative enactment cannot be applied in its totality without its IRR. Consequently, in a GPPB Meeting held on June 26, 2003, it was agreed upon that the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 shall consist of two parts, namely:

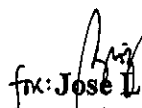
1. IRR-A that shall cover all domestically-funded procurement activities; and
2. IRR-B that shall cover all foreign-funded procurement activities.

In consonance with this, we wish to inform your office that the Government Procurement Policy Board and the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee has approved the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 Part-A last September 16, 2003 and was made effective last October 8, 2003.

Request for a Copy of Republic Act No. 9184 and its Procurement Operations Manual

With regard to your request for a copy of Republic Act No. 9184 and its IRR, we are pleased to inform you that our office could furnish you with a soft copy thereof and its IRR-A. However, a copy of the Procurement Operations Manuals is currently unavailable because these were still being developed by the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB). As soon as the manual is completed, we will gladly inform your office so that you can secure a copy thereof.

Very truly yours,


fr: **José Luis C. Syquia**
Acting Executive Director

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Secretary Emilia T. Boncodin
Department of Budget and Management