

**NPM No. 10-2008**

3 July 2008

**Mr. ADONIS R. BARRAQUIAS**  
*Chief, BAC Secretariat and Head, BAC II Secretariat*  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
Room 507-508, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Mabini Building  
DepED Complex, Meralco Ave, Pasig City

**Re: Resort to Alternative Modes of Procurement**

Dear Mr. Barraquias:

We respond to your letter dated 24 June 2008 seeking clarification on how many failed procurement through the alternative mode of shopping is required before a procuring entity may resort to other alternative methods of procurement.

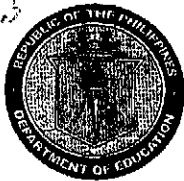
Please be advised that a procuring entity may resort to any of the alternative modes of procurement provided that it falls under the conditions set forth by Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR-A). It is not dependent on the number of failed attempts to procure through shopping. Resort to other alternative methods of procurement may be had provided that the conditions for the recommended mode are present.

We also advise the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) to look deeper into why it has failed to procure office supplies and equipment (e.g., continuous braille practice paper to be used by the blind, supply of line cards for communication equipment, etc.) through the alternative mode of shopping. Shopping has proven to be an effective method in the procurement of off-the-shelf office supplies since it merely requires the procuring entity to request for the submission of price quotations from suppliers of known qualifications. Once the BAC is able to determine the real reason why the alternative mode of shopping is not effective in the purchase of these office supplies, then it is in a better position to identify the appropriate alternative method to be adopted for said procurement.

We trust that we have provided you with sufficient guidance. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

  
**RUBY U. ALVAREZ**  
*Executive Director III*



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



PROCUREMENT SERVICE

Room 507-508, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

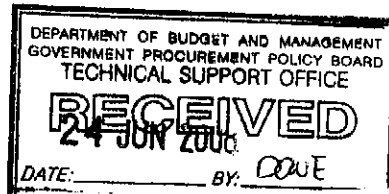
Website: <http://www.deped.gov.ph>; e-mail: [deped\\_procurement@yaho.com.ph](mailto:deped_procurement@yaho.com.ph)

Direct Line: 636-65-43 / Telefax: 636-65-42, 633-93-43

Trunk Line: 632-13-61 Locals: 2085/2115

Ref. No.: PS-08-06-0685

MEMORANDUM



FOR : **ATTY. RUBY U. ALVAREZ**  
Executive Director III  
Government Procurement Policy Board

FROM :   
**ADONIS R. BARRAQUIAS**  
Chief, BAC Secretariat and Head, BAC II Secretariat

SUBJECT : **Clarification on Shopping**

DATE : **June 23, 2008**

*Jenny.*  
*Pls. handle. Submit draft on or before Friday.*  
*Rf 6/25/08*

We would like to be clarified on the following: ***How many failures are allowed for shopping before resorting to other alternative methods of procurement? What particular alternative method should we resort to?***

We have experienced this difficulty in procurement of supplies and equipment common or ordinary to DepEd, e.g. continuous Braille practice paper used by the blind, supply of line cards for our communication equipment, Txtblast equipment for the Center for Students and Co-Curriculars Unit, etc., costing above P50,000.00 but very much below P250,000.00.

Your clarification on this matter would further ensure smooth performance of our procurement activities.

Thank you.