

**NPM No. 27-2006**

15 December 2006

**HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**

*City Mayor*

City of San Carlos

Province of Negros Occidental

**Re : Procurement of Second-Hand or Reconditioned Firetrucks**

Dear Sir:

We refer to your letter dated 7 December 2006 inquiring if the City Government of San Carlos, Negros Occidental may initiate purchase of a second-hand or reconditioned firetruck through bidding.

We wish to inform you that procurement of second-hand equipment is allowed under R.A. 9184 as long as it is done through public bidding, or if circumstances warrant, through any of the alternative modes of procurement. Consequently, in Non-Policy Opinion (NPM) No. 138-2004, this office has resolved that purchase of a second-hand vehicle through an auction is not sanctioned by R.A. 9184.

From the foregoing, the City Government of San Carlos, Negro Occidental may procure second-hand or reconditioned firetrucks as long as it follows the bidding procedure prescribed under R.A. 9184.

We hope to have clarified the matter.

Very truly yours,



**RUBY U. ALVAREZ**

*Executive Director III*