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**DR. LOURDES C. ARAÑADOR**  
*President*  
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**Re: Reconditioned Offset Machine**

Dear Dr. Arañador:

We respond to your letter dated 30 April 2007, which we received last 11 May 2007, seeking clarification on whether the West Visayas State University (WVSU) is allowed to procure a reconditioned offset machine for its printing and publication needs.

The procurement of second hand equipment is not expressly prohibited by Republic Act No. 9184 (R. A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Implementing Part A (IRR-A). Therefore, WVSU is authorized to procure a reconditioned offset machine, without need of securing permission from the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB).

However, procurement of second hand equipment, although permissible, must be procured through public bidding, unless circumstances warrant the resort to any of the alternative modes of procurement.

Further, it must be noted that the procurement of the foregoing equipment must be covered by an adequate warranty to assure the procuring the entity that defects shall be corrected by the supplier or distributor within one (1) year after the performance of the contract, as provided in Section 62.1 of the IRR-A (GPPB Non-Policy Matter Opinion No. 007-2005 dated 24 January 2005).

We hope to have clarified the matter. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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*Executive Director III*