

## APPROVING THE SECOND EDITION OF THE GENERIC PROCUREMENT MANUALS

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, entitled "An Act Providing for the Modernization, Standardization and Regulation of the Procurement Activities of the Government and for Other Purposes," took effect on 26 January 2003, while its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on 28 October 2016;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA 9184 and its 2016 Revised IRR mandates the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to pursue the development of Generic Procurement Manuals (GPMs) and standard bidding forms, the use of which, once issued, shall be mandatory upon all Procuring Entities;

WHEREAS, the first edition of the GPMs were approved by the GPPB on 14 June 2006, through GPPB Resolution No.13-2006 for adoption and official use of all procuring entities as a reference guide in the conduct of their actual procurement operations effective January 2007;

**WHEREAS**, the World Bank (WB), through the Australia's *Department of Foreign Affairs* and *Trade (DFAT)*, provided technical assistance to the GPPB-TSO for the engagement of consultants to update the existing Philippine Bidding Documents (PBDs) and GPM Volumes I, II, III and IV to incorporate the changes in the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184;

**WHEREAS**, the major changes to the GPMs, as introduced by the WB's consultants, were presented to the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (IATWG) during its 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting on 9 November 2016, where changes focused on the following:

- 1. Consistency with the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184, the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the PBDs and other existing procurement guidelines and associated issuances; and
- 2. Inclusion of clarificatory discussion on some of the provisions of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA 9184 taking into consideration the instructions of the GPPB and IATWG during the review of the IRR and PBDs.

**WHEREAS**, the IATWG agreed to submit comments on the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs to the GPPB-TSO on or before 29 December 2016 and to discuss the proposed changes to the GPMs in the next IATWG Meeting;

WHEREAS, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> IATWG Regular Meeting on 31 March 2017, the submitted comments on the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs were presented and although there were proposed changes that were already approved at the IATWG level, the IATWG opted to set another meeting for the final review of the GPM considering that there are still areas for discussion and clarification on the proposed 2nd Edition of the GPMs containing all four (4) Volumes being – Vol. I. Guidelines on the Establishment of Procurement Systems and Organizations; Vol. II. Manual of Procedures for the

Procurement of Infrastructure Projects; and Vol. IV. Manual of Procedures for the Procurement of Consulting Services;

**WHEREAS**, during the 5<sup>th</sup> IATWG Meeting on 14 July 2017, after careful review and deliberation, the IATWG agreed to recommend to the GPPB the approval of all four (4) Volumes of the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs, subject to the submission of additional comments by the members, if any, within five (5) days after the meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the GPPB-TSO submitted to the GPPB, during its 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting on 31 July 2017 the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs incorporating the major changes introduced by the WB's consultants as well as the comments of the IATWG and the GPPB-TSO;

**WHEREAS**, the GPPB directed the GPPB-TSO to furnish electronically all the members of the GPPB with a copy of the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs for final review and comments until 7 August 2017, such that, if there are no comments received by the GPPB-TSO on such date, all the four (4) Volumes of the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs shall be considered approved *in toto*;

**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 confirm, adopt, and approve, as **WE** hereby confirm, adopt, and approve *in toto* all the four (4) Volumes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the GPMs, subject to comments, if any, to be submitted to the GPPB-TSO on or before 7 August 2017.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2017 at Pasig City, Philippines.

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