



RESOLUTION NO. 07-2023

APPROVING THE RECOGNITION OF PILOT AGENCIES FOR THE SCALING OF SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PROJECT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act,” took effect on 26 January 2003, while its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on 28 October 2016;

WHEREAS, Section 63 of RA No. 9184 mandates the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to ensure the proper implementation by Procuring Entities of the Act, its 2016 Revised IRR and all other relevant rules and regulations pertaining to public procurement, and to conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the Act and recommend any amendments thereto as may be necessary;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 301, series of 2004 mandates all departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies of the Executive Branch of the Government to establish their respective “Green Procurement Program” to (i) promote the culture of making environmentally-informed decisions in government, especially in the purchases and use of different products; (ii) include environmental criteria in public tenders, whenever possible and practicable; (iii) establish the specifications and requirements for products of services to be considered environmentally advantageous; and (iv) develop incentive programs for suppliers of environmentally sound products and services;

WHEREAS, to integrate environmentally sustainable principles and practices into public procurement, the GPPB issued Resolution No. 15-2013 dated 10 May 2013 which affirmed the Board’s support for the implementation of a Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) or Green Public Procurement (GPP) in Government;

WHEREAS, under the same Resolution, a Special GPP and/or SPP Committee was established comprising representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Interior and Local Government, Science and Technology, Trade and Industry, Transportation and Communications, the Commission on Climate Change, and GPPB-Technical Support Office (TSO) to meet and discuss matters concerning the adoption of a policy, including rules and regulations, to support the implementation of SPP or GPP;

WHEREAS, on 23 September 2016, the GPPB issued Resolution No. 22-2016 which approved the list of ten (10) prioritized CSEs and ten (10) prioritized non-CSEs, which were identified as a result of technical assistance provided by the European Union Switch-Asia Programme (EU-SWITCH) and in consultation with the representatives from the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Energy, National Economic and Development Authority, and GPPB-TSO, among others;

WHEREAS, the GPPB subsequently issued Resolution No. 25-2017, dated 30 May 2017, adopting the GPP Roadmap for 2017-2022 and the Technical Specifications for the prioritized CSEs and non-CSEs;

WHEREAS, in 2020, with technical assistance from the *Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) GmbH, the GPPB, through its TSO, reviewed the existing GPP Roadmap, which includes the lists of prioritized CSEs and non-CSEs for GPP;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the review of the GPP Roadmap, the GPPB-TSO recommended that the GPPB act as the Steering and Technical Committee that will decide on matters pertaining to the implementation of GPP in the Philippines, and its IATWG to act as the Technical Committee to provide technical support to the Board. The same was approved by the Board through GPPB Resolution No. 08-2020 dated 07 May 2020;

WHEREAS, also in 2020, the GPPB-TSO enrolled the Philippines in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicator 12.7.1 Assessment to initially gauge the implementation of the country's GPP policy;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the result of its assessment using the 2020 data submitted by the GPPB-TSO whereby the Philippines' overall level of implementation of the SPP was rated medium-low and that said result can be further improved as recommended by the UNEP in terms of providing practical support to procurement practitioners and proper monitoring of the implementation of SPP initiatives;

WHEREAS, to address the said findings in the UNEP assessment, on 27 October 2022, the GPPB, acting as the GPP Steering Committee, convened to discuss the upscaling the Sustainable Public Procurement in the Philippines, and upon the recommendation of the GPPB-TSO, the Board approved the designation of focal persons from each of the GPPB Member Agencies and other relevant government agencies who will be responsible for monitoring and verifying the implementation of the upscaled GPP Roadmap;

WHEREAS, during the FY 2022 Procurement Summit held last 27-28 October 2022, with the theme, *Building Strong Supplier Relationships towards Innovative and Sustainable Public Procurement*, the GPPB-TSO invited several experts to introduce GPP concepts such as Circular Procurement and Greening the Supply Chain as part of the capacity-development initiatives for GPPB-recognized trainers and procurement practitioners;

WHEREAS, to actively involve the identified GPP focal persons, the GPPB-TSO conducted on 01 December 2022 the preparatory meeting for the upcoming workshop focused on launching Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in the Philippines, which will include group planning sessions on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and SCP Pilot Projects;

WHEREAS, last 20 – 22 February 2023, the Kick-Off and Planning Workshop for the Scaling SCP in the Philippines was conducted, successfully launching the SCP Project that sought to assess the current status, gaps and challenges of GPP implementation, establish a common understanding of the project's objectives and stakeholder roles, identify specific actions and steering structures for each work package, design the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework and Short-Term Action Plan, and agree on the next steps to move the project forward;

WHEREAS, to establish the M&E framework for the SCP Project, a proposal was put forth to establish an M&E system that aims to ensure compliance with GPP policies and conduct periodic impact assessments on the procurement of green products. This system shall serve as the central mechanism to track the implementation and expansion of GPP practices across all government entities in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, during the same kick-off and planning workshop last February 2023, the pilot agencies for the SCP Project were identified. These agencies, collectively known as the GPP Pilot Agencies, will jumpstart the mandatory procurement of prioritized non-CSE items with green specifications, to wit:

1. Department of Energy for Energy-efficient Air Conditioners;
2. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) for Catering Services and Lease of Venue;
3. Philippine Space Agency to benchmark DILG's existing technical specifications on the Lease of Venue and further develop into green technical specifications;
4. GPPB-Technical Support Office for Office uniforms with consideration for sustainable textile; and
5. Department of Public Works and Highways for Cement;

WHEREAS, following the launch of the SCP Project, additional agencies have also signified their intent to be included as GPP Pilot Agencies:

1. Department of Budget and Management for Data Centers;
2. Department of Health for Solar-Powered Cold Storage Facility; and
3. Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, given the recent developments and initiatives on the SCP pilot projects and GPP M&E, during the Special Joint IATWG and GPPB Meeting on 24 August 2023, the GPPB-TSO presented the GPP Pilot Agencies with the corresponding prioritized green items for the implementation of the SCP Project, and recommended the following to the Board:

1. Approve the conduct of the implementation of the GPP pilot projects;
2. Recognize the following GPP Pilot Agencies that will conduct the market scoping, prepare the technical specifications and procure their identified projects with green specifications:
 - a. Department of Energy;
 - b. DILG;
 - c. Philippine Space Agency;
 - d. GPPB-TSO;
 - e. Department of Public Works and Highways;
 - f. Department of Budget and Management;
 - g. Department of Health; and
 - h. Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, to allow adequate supervision and oversight of the pilot implementation of the SCP pilot projects, the GPPB-TSO further recommended for each GPP Pilot Agency to develop its proposed action plan for the pilot implementation of its procurement project with green specifications for submission to the GPPB;

WHEREAS, the GPPB-TSO similarly committed to developing its action plan for the proper and timely implementation of an M&E system that will ensure compliance with GPP policies and conduct periodic impact assessments on the procurement of green products. This system shall serve as the central mechanism to track the implementation and expansion of GPP practices across all government entities in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Board, after careful review and deliberations on the comments and recommendations of its members, resolved to approve the abovementioned recommendations of the GPPB-TSO;

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 and other executive issuances, hereby **RESOLVE** to confirm, adopt, and approve, as **WE** hereby confirm, adopt, and approve the following:

1. **APPROVE** the conduct of the implementation of the GPP pilot projects;
2. **RECOGNIZE** the following GPP Pilot Agencies that would procure their identified projects with green specifications:
 - a. Department of Energy;
 - b. Department of Interior and Local Government;
 - c. Philippine Space Agency;
 - d. Government Procurement Policy Board-Technical Support Office;
 - e. Department of Public Works and Highways;
 - f. Department of Budget and Management;
 - g. Department of Health; and
 - h. Department of Transportation;
3. **REQUIRE** each GPP Pilot Agency to submit its proposed action plan to the GPPB, through its TSO, for its identified project with green specifications by **31 October 2023**; and
4. **REQUIRE** the GPPB-TSO to develop its M&E action plan for the SCP Project.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 24th Day of August 2023 at Mandaluyong City, Philippines.

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