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Public Advisory on the Use of GPPB and GPPB-TSO Affiliations, Designations, and Representations in Procurement-Related Training Programs and Activities

The Government Procurement Policy Board – Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) wishes to clarify matters concerning the use of titles, affiliations, and representations relating to the GPPB and the GPPB-TSO in training advertisements, promotional materials, and similar communications.

It has been observed that certain advertisements and promotional materials include references or representations that may be understood as indicating official affiliation, recognition, endorsement, accreditation, or partnership with the GPPB or the GPPB TSO.

These representations include, among others, references to the completion of the Public Procurement Specialist Certification Course (PPSCC), the use of GPPB or GPPB-TSO logos or identifiers, and statements implying official partnership, institutional affiliation, accreditation, endorsement, or recognition by the GPPB or the GPPB-TSO.

Foremost, it is emphasized that the completion of the PPSCC does not confer designation, accreditation, or recognition as a GPPB-Recognized Trainer. The PPSCC is a professional development and certification program implemented by the GPPB-TSO in partnership with selected State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) to enhance knowledge and competencies in public procurement under the framework of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 and its associated rules and regulations. Completion thereof does not substitute for nor automatically qualify an individual under the formal recognition process for GPPB-Recognized Trainers.

The GPPB-TSO likewise notes that the PPSCC anchored on competency and certification framework for procurement practitioners under RA No. 12009 is still under development. In this regard, the accurate representation of procurement-related qualifications, recognitions, and affiliations becomes all the more important to ensure proper guidance to the public and to avoid possible misconceptions regarding authority, expertise, or official recognition in relation to the implementation of the new procurement regime.

Pursuant to Section 8.0 of GPPB Circular No. 07-2018, recognition as a trainer on government procurement is subject to compliance with the requirements under the GPPB-TSO Recruitment, Selection, Recognition, and Retention Program, including qualification standards and formal approval processes prescribed by the GPPB-TSO.



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The GPPB-TSO may, upon request and subject to its existing policies and procedures, assign or endorse GPPB-Recognized Trainers to serve as resource speakers or trainers for particular procurement-activities conducted by government agencies and non-profit professional organizations. Such assignment or endorsement pertains solely to the individual GPPB Recognized Trainer concerned and shall not be construed as accreditation, endorsement, or recognition of the requesting institution or organization.

The GPPB-TSO likewise emphasizes that procurement laws and regulations, particularly under RA No. 12009 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, involve specialized and highly technical rules requiring accurate and consistent interpretation. As such, procurement-related training activities should be undertaken with due regard to the qualifications and recognition of the trainers conducting the same in order to safeguard the integrity and proper application of the procurement framework.

The public is likewise informed that current efforts toward procurement professionalization may, in future policy issuances, consider recognized procurement trainings and learning activities for purposes of prior learning recognition or similar competency-based mechanisms. In this context, only recognized procurement trainings and learning activities may, subject to future policy issuances, be considered for purposes or prior learning recognition or equivalent qualification mechanisms.

For guidance of the public, announcement and information relating to procurement-related activities conducted with designated or endorsed GPPB-Recognized Trainers may be verified through the official social media pages and other official communication platforms of the GPPB-TSO.

Accordingly, the public and all organizations conducting procurement-related training activities are reminded to exercise due diligence and accuracy in the use of professional titles, designations, affiliations, certifications, and recognitions in advertisements and official communications, to ensure accuracy and avoid any unintended impressions of official affiliation or endorsement.

The GPPB-TSO remains committed to upholding the integrity, credibility, and professionalism of government procurement capacity development programs and recognition mechanisms.

For guidance and information, please.

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