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For information and guidance, attached is a copy of GPPB RESOLUTION No. 09-2019, re: "RESOLUTION ON DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GPPB AND MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE IATWG AND CONFIRMING THE CREATION OF THE INTERAGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (IATWG) OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD (GPPB)."

A copy of said Resolution may also be downloaded from the **DPWH website**: <a href="http://dpwhweb">http://dpwhweb</a>. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

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Encl: GPPB Resolution No. 09-2019

Cc: Office of the Secretary

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# RESOLUTION ON DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GPPB AND MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE IATWG AND CONFIRMING THE CREATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (IATWG) OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD (GPPB)

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act" and the 2016 revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on 26 January 2003 and 28 October 2016, respectively;

WHEREAS, Section 63(b) of RA No. 9184 provides for the functions of the the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), thus: a) protect the national interest in all matters affecting public procurement, having due regard to the country's regional and international obligations; b) formulate and amend, whenever necessary, the IRR and the corresponding standard forms for procurement; c) ensure that Procuring Entities regularly conduct procurement training programs and prepare a procurement operations manual for all offices and agencies of government; and d) conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of RA No. 9184 and recommend any amendments thereto, as may be necessary.

WHEREAS, Section 64 of RA No. 9184 provides that the GPPB shall be composed of the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, as Chairman, the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority, as Alternate Chairman, with the following as Members: the Secretaries of the Department of Public Works and Highways, Finance, Trade and Industry, Health, National Defense, Education, Interior and Local Government, Science and Technology, Transportation and Communications, and Energy, or their duly authorized representatives and a representative from the private Sector to be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the GPPB.

**WHEREAS,** during the (2004) 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting of the GPPB held on 28 April 2004, the GPPB authorized the creation of an Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (IATWG) that shall assist the GPPB-Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) in the review and formulation of procurement law, rules and guidelines. However, there was no resolution issued to reflect this decision of the GPPB.

**WHEREAS,** during FY 2018, due to unavailability or conflicting schedule of GPPB and IATWG representatitives, several meetings were rescheduled for failure to meet the required number of attendees to constitute a quorum limiting the meetings of the GPPB to seven (7) and meetings of the IATWG to six (6) for the entire year.

WHEREAS, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the IATWG held last 28 February 2019, the protocols for the conduct of IATWG meetings were discussed and part of the discussion was for GPPB-TSO to send correspondence to member agencies for the designation of principal and alternate authorized representative for the GPPB and member and alternate member for the IATWG. It was also discussed that Agencies may send representatives for a specific meeting should the principal and alternate authorized representative or member and alternate member for GPPB and IATWG respectively, shall not be available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Now separated as Department of Transportation and Department of Information and Communications Technology by virtue of Republic Act No. 10844

**WHEREAS**, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting of the GPPB held on 22 April 2019, the GPPB-TSO proposed for the Board's confirmation of the creation and authority of the IATWG and presented the proposed criteria for consideration of the member agency heads in designating principal and alternates for GPPB and members and alternate members for the IATWG, thus:

Designation	For GPPB	
Principal/ Alternate Authorized Representative	May be the Secretary or at least a third (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) ranking official/officer of the Department authorized to act and decide for and in behalf of the Agency, on GPPB matters including participation in meetings and signing of GPPB documents (i.e. minutes of the meeting, resolutions, circulars).	
	For IATWG	
Member / Alternate Member	Must at least be a Director level who comes from the Department's Central Office Bids and Awards Committee or its Secretariat or Procurement Unit and has the authority to act and decide for and in behalf of the Agency, on IATWG matters including participation in meetings and signing of IATWG documents (i.e. minutes of the meeting).	
	For GPPB and IATWG	
Meeting Representative	In case the principal and alternate authorized representatives for GPPB and member and alternate members for IATWG are not available, they may appoint his/her representative who is able to express the comments and concerns of the agency in respect to the subject matter to be deliberated upon.	
	The Principal or Alternate may give the meeting representative the authority to decide and sign in his/her behalf, as the case may be, for that particular meeting. Thus, said written authority shall be considered for voting and quorum purposes.	
	Alternatively, the Principal or Alternate may send a meeting representative without the above authority, in which case he/she may participate in the discussion but will not be considered for voting and quorum purposes.	

**Now, Therefore**, for and in view of all 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:

- a) ADOPTION of the criteria for the designation of principal and alternate authorized representatives for the GPPB; member and alternate members for the IATWG; and allowing participation of meeting representative in case the principal or alternate authorized representative for the GPPB, and member or alternate member of the IATWG shall be unavailable, subject to the authority given to the meeting representative; and
- b) **CONFIRMATION** of the creation of the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group tasked to assist the GPPB-TSO in the review and formulation of procurement law, rules and guidelines and conduct preliminary deliberations for policy recommendations to the GPPB.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2019 at Manila City, Philippines.

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