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For information and guidance, attached is a copy of **GPPB Resolution No. 08-2022** dated October 27, 2022, with the subject: **"APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF FOCAL PERSONS FOR GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT."**

A copy of the said Resolution may also be downloaded from the DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>. 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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Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: GPPB Resolution No. 08-2022 dated October 27, 2022

cc: Office of the Secretary

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APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF FOCAL PERSONS FOR GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

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 and its 2016 revised IRR authorizes the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to formulate public procurement policies, rules and regulations, and amend its IRR, whenever necessary;

WHEREAS, Section 8.2.3(b) of the revised IRR of RA No. 9184 mandates all Procuring Entities (PEs) to procure common-use goods, supplies, materials, and equipment from the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System's (PhilGEPS) Electronic Catalogue;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 301, s. 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, Section 4 of the Administrative Order No. 17, s. 2011 requires the procurement of Common-Use Supplies and Equipment (CSE) from the Procurement Service (PS) of the Department of Budget and Management or its depots;

WHEREAS, the GPPB issued Resolution No. 15-2013 dated 10 May 2013 which approved its support to the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) or Green Public Procurement (GPP) Regime in Government;

WHEREAS, under the same Resolution, the creation of a Special SPP or GPP Committee was likewise established, composed of 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, through its Resolution No. 22-2016, the GPPB 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 and in consultation with the representatives from the PS, 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 and the lists of prioritized CSEs and non-CSEs for GPP. As a result, the GIZ proposed the creation of a separate Steering Committee and Technical Committee which will discuss issues and decide on matters pertaining to the implementation of the GPP Roadmap and report to the GPPB any recommendation on policy directives on GPP;

WHEREAS, through its Resolution No. 08-2020, the GPPB, upon recommendation of the GPPB-TSO, resolved that it will act as the Steering Committee to decide on matters and issue policies pertaining to the implementation of the GPP while its Inter-Agency Technical Working Group shall act as the Technical Committee that will provide technical support to the GPPB. This will streamline the process and ensure a sustained policy guidance and review of the GPP Roadmap;

WHEREAS, in 2020, the GPPB-TSO reached out and 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. This will also inform the GPPB on the challenges and opportunities as well as the possible policy intervention that may be adopted;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the 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. The 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 the SPP;

WHEREAS, as part of the review of the existing GPP Roadmap, the GPPB-TSO, through its GPP Committee, studied its implementation, particularly with respect to the ten (10) prioritized CSEs as provided in the report of the PS. Based on the said report covering the years 2020 and 2021, seven (7) of the ten (10) prioritized CSEs are currently being procured by the PS, particularly: (i) toilet paper; (ii) disinfectant spray; (iii) trash bag; (iv) detergent powder; (v) LED lights; (vi) record book; and (vii) toilet bowl cleaner. On the other hand, the remaining three (3) of the prioritized CSE products, namely: (i) multi-copy papers, (ii) chairs, and (iii) liquid hand soaps are currently under assessment by the Technical Specifications and Review Committee of the PS. There was also an increase in the total amount of prioritized CSEs procured by the PEs from PhP 164.6 Million in 2020 to PhP 225 Million in 2021;¹

WHEREAS, on the other hand, the GPP Committee noted the gradual increase in the number of PEs adopting the green technical specifications for non-CSEs based on its validation of the submitted Agency Procurement Compliance and Performance Indicators System reports that reflected twenty-six percent (26%) in 2018, fifty-two percent (52%) in 2019, then fifty-eight percent (58%) in 2020;

WHEREAS, the review of the GPP Committee further revealed the following causes or reasons cited by PEs which have not adopted green specifications in their Procurement Projects:

¹ Based on DBM-PS source data as of 31 December 2021.

- a. Lack of knowledgeable end-user representatives or units to conduct GPP;
- b. Non-availability of suppliers offering green products;
- c. Insufficiency of funds to procure green items which costs higher;
- d. Fear of failures in bidding in case of incorrect green specifications;
- e. Absence of GPP expert/s in the PE;
- f. Implementation of GPP under RA No. 9184 and its revised IRR is not mandatory nor instructed by the PE's management to procure;
- g. Assumptions that the PhilGEPS ensures green specifications in all of their items;
- h. Need for guidelines in the identification of green specifications;
- i. Need for more training on GPP; and
- j. Need to increase awareness by the PEs in the procurement of green products;

WHEREAS, despite the initiatives of various government entities,² the GPPB-TSO also noted that there is no monitoring system for the implementation of the GPP Roadmap across PEs;

WHEREAS, during the 6th Regular Meeting of the GPPB on 27 October 2022, in order to properly monitor the implementation of the GPP Roadmap, the GPPB-TSO recommended the following to the Board:

- a. Reiterate the role of the PS in the GPP Roadmap to monitor the implementation of the ten (10) prioritized CSE items under GPPB Resolution No. 22-2016 and require that it regularly reports to the GPPB on a quarterly basis on its status, as well as to review the usefulness and effectiveness of the said CSE items and recommend possible change or upgrade in their specifications;
- b. Direct the PS to undertake green tagging of the Procurement Projects awarded with green specifications in the PhilGEPS in order to readily identify them and monitor the progress of the government's efforts towards Sustainable Consumption and Production; and
- c. Designate one (1) representative from each of the GPPB member agencies, who is knowledgeable of RA No. 9184 and has a base-level understanding of GPP, to act as the focal person and undertake the following responsibilities:
 - i. Represent his/her agency on all matters relating to GPP;
 - ii. Monitor the implementation of the GPP Roadmap under GPPB Resolution No. 25-2017 within his/her agency and identify Procurement Projects that consider the least possible harmful effects on the environment, human health and safety in its specifications or implementation plan;
 - iii. Advocate the inclusion of green specifications and the use of life cycle costing in the planning of Procurement Projects within his/her agency;
 - iv. Assist the GPPB-TSO in the review of the GPP Roadmap including, among others, the re-validation of the ten (10) prioritized non-CSEs

² Such as the Department of Trade and Industry – Board of Investments which engages industry associations for their greening activities that focus on the development of guidelines to incentivize energy-efficient products and the National Economic and Development Authority which developed the Philippine Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production that aims to strengthen the country's National Ecolabeling Program to increase uptake of green products and services.

- under GPPB Resolution No. 22-2016 and upgrading of their green specifications as well as the establishment of the necessary standard operating procedures for the key processes of the GPP, such as product group identification, product criteria development, product criteria revision, market analysis, and post-qualification;
- v. Assist the GPPB-TSO in the upscaling and sustained implementation of the GPP Roadmap;
 - vi. Undertake capacity development activities on GPP conducted or endorsed by the GPPB-TSO; and
 - vii. Develop and implement his/her agency action plan in support of the fuller and sustained implementation of GPP policies within his/her agency.

WHEREAS, recognizing the role of the PS in the GPP Roadmap with respect to the monitoring of GPP of ten (10) prioritized CSEs under GPPB Resolution No. 22-2016 and full-scale implementation of the SPP in all CSEs, the PS, during the said meeting, committed the submission of the said quarterly status reports and agreed with the green tagging of the Procurement Projects awarded with green specifications in the PhilGEPS;

WHEREAS, the Board, after careful review and deliberations of the comments and suggestions of its members, agreed to adopt the recommendations of the GPPB-TSO to:

- a. Reiterate the role of the PS in the GPP Roadmap to monitor the implementation of the ten (10) prioritized CSE items under GPPB Resolution No. 22-2016 and require that it regularly reports to the GPPB on a quarterly basis regarding its status, as well as to review the usefulness and effectiveness of the said CSE items and recommend possible change or upgrade in their specifications;
- b. Direct the PS to establish green tagging of the Procurement Projects awarded with green specifications in the PhilGEPS in order to readily identify them and monitor the progress of the government's efforts towards Sustainable Consumption and Production; and
- c. Designate one (1) representative from each of the GPPB member agencies, who is knowledgeable of RA No. 9184 and has base-level understanding of GPP, to act as the focal person and undertake the identified responsibilities.

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:

- a. **REITERATE** the role of the PS in the GPP Roadmap to monitor the implementation of the ten (10) prioritized CSE items under GPPB Resolution No. 22-2016 and require that it regularly reports to the GPPB on a quarterly basis regarding its status, as well as to review the usefulness and effectiveness of the said CSE items and recommend possible change or upgrade in their specifications;
- b. **DIRECT** the PS to establish green tagging of the Procurement Projects awarded with green specifications in the PhilGEPS in order to readily identify

them and monitor the progress of the government's efforts towards Sustainable Consumption and Production; and

- d. **DESIGNATE** one (1) representative from each of the GPPB member agencies, who is knowledgeable of RA No. 9184 and has base-level understanding of GPP, to act as the focal person and undertake the identified responsibilities.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 27th day of October 2022 at Pasay City, Philippines.

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GPPB, Chairperson
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