

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 193, August 22, 2007]

PLACING THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD IN THE FRONTLINES OF THE WAR AGAINST GRAFT

WHEREAS, the government should maximize the potential of the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) as a tripwire against corruption by empowering the body to promote the culture of good procurement practices in the government;

WHEREAS, good governance starts with good procurement;

WHEREAS, so that all government agencies will be on the same page when it comes to asset acquisition, GPPB should take the lead in preaching good procurement with Government Procurement Act (GPRA) as the bible.

WHEREAS, raising the "procurement quotient" of government officials will deter wastage of taxpayers' money and lead to value-for-money purchases by the country's biggest consumer of goods and services;

WHEREAS, with GPRA popularized among the public and internalized by civil servants, ignorance of its provisions would no longer be invoked as a reason for the commission of malfeasance;

WHEREAS, other agencies are getting large amounts under the Millennium Challenge Account;

WHEREAS, at present GPPB has a staff of less than twenty (20);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law do hereby order:

Section 1. The GPPB to pursue the following:

1. Organize seminars for local governments which can be packaged and institutionalized as Procurement Policy Education for LGUs (PROPEL). This can include an information package and a series of seminars for LGU officials involved in procurement.
2. Wage an Anti-Lemon Law campaign, centering on the warranty cover on goods bought by public funds, which GPRA stipulates, preferably, infrastructure projects, including a "trophy project" which shall be replaced or repaired by a contractor.
3. Design a "Seal of Good Procurement" or a "GPRA-Compliant" icon that can be printed in goods up for mass distribution. For example, public school