

[GPPB RESOLUTION NO. 06-2010, December 17, 2010]

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE
PHILIPPINE BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR GOODS AND FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (AS HARMONIZED WITH
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS) AND CONSULTING SERVICES**

Section 6 of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", mandates the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) to develop and issue standard bidding documents the use of which shall be mandatory upon all Procuring Entities in order to systematize the procurement process, avoid confusion and ensure transparency.

On 20 August 2004, the GPPB has issued the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBDs) for Goods, for Civil Works, and for Consulting Services through GPPB Resolution 10-2004. It was then updated on 9 August 2005, through GPPB Resolution 10-2005, to PBDs for Goods, for Infrastructure Projects, and for Consulting Services.

The issuance of the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 9184 on 3 August 2009, led to another revision of the PBDs and the issuance of the Third Edition on 30 September 2009 through GPPB Resolution 05-2009.

Catalyzed by the issuance of the revised IRR of RA 9184, the efforts to further harmonize the procurement rules of Development Partners and the Philippines were extended to the PBDs. With an end view of expanding the harmonization coverage to include all Development Partners, an initial harmonization process was conducted for the PBDs through the Philippine Development Forum Sub-Working Group on Procurement on 23 October 2009. During the course of the consultations, however, it was agreed upon that the harmonization effort will focus only on the PBDs for Goods and for Infrastructure Projects.

A draft, dated 20 July 2010, was then presented and submitted to the Development Partners, particularly, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and World Bank (WB) for their comments.

In a letter dated 1 October 2010, ADB, JICA, and WB informed the GPPB that the PBDs for Goods and for Infrastructure Projects (As Harmonized with Development Partners) are acceptable for use in the procurement of contracts funded by them following the National Competitive Bidding method, subject to incorporation of some remaining comments.

On 17 December 2010, the GPPB discussed the PBDs for Goods and for Infrastructure Projects (As Harmonized with Development Partners) and its findings and/or additional comment.