

**[ GPPB RESOLUTION NO. 03-2009, July 22, 2009 ]**

**APPROVING THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), entitled "an Act Providing for the Modernization, Standardization and Regulation of the Procurement Activities of the Government and for Other Purposes," took effect on 26 January 2003, while its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) took effect on 8 October 2003;

WHEREAS, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), under Section 63 of the IRR-A of RA 9184, is mandated to formulate and amend public procurement policies, rules and regulations, and amend, whenever necessary, the IRR-A of RA 9184;

WHEREAS, during the Philippines Development Forum held last March 2008, the Government of the Philippines (GOP) and its Development Partners agreed to formulate the implementing rules and regulations governing procurement of foreign-funded projects (IRR-B) within one (1) year thereof;

WHEREAS, during the 4<sup>th</sup> GPPB Regular Meeting, held last 29 April 2008, the proposed steps for the formulation of IRR-B and the corresponding timelines for each step was presented to and duly approved by the GPPB;

WHEREAS, an IRR-B Committee was constituted consisting of the following: 1) Government of the Philippines (GOP) through the GPPB; 2) Development Partners; and 3) Civil Society Organization (CSO) and Private Sector;

WHEREAS, the salient provisions of the proposed IRR-B, the priority issues and other pertinent matters were discussed in a series of small group meetings/discussions held from the months of July to September 2008, as well as, in two (2) consultation meetings held on 3 June and 8 July 2008, respectively;

WHEREAS, during the 8<sup>th</sup> GPPB Regular Meeting held last October 2008, the Board instructed the GPPB – Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) to move towards the issuance of one implementing set of rules and regulations for both locally-funded and foreign-assisted projects considering that several of the issues raised also apply to locally-funded procurement, and for purposes of greater harmonization;

WHEREAS, in the Joint GPPB and IRR-B Committee Meeting held last 12 December 2008, the GPPB approved the consultation process presented for the one IRR, particularly the design, strategy, target participants, and timelines therefor;

WHEREAS, a series of IRR Consultation Meetings were held from 27 January – 28 February 2009 to gather the comments/suggestions of various stakeholders, namely, representatives from selected National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial