

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 302, February 19, 1996]

**PROVIDING POLICIES, GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS/SUPPLIES BY THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, the present policies, guidelines, rules and regulations covering contracts for the procurement of goods/supplies for project-related and normal/regular operations and maintenance activities of the National Government appear to be, generally, fragmented;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public service, the procurement of goods/supplies by the National Government must be based on the public economy;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the continuous increase in development projects, operations and maintenance requirements of the National Government, contracts for the procurement of goods/supplies have substantially increased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A set of rules and regulations covering contracts for the procurement of goods and supplies for both project-related and normal/regular operation and maintenance activities of the National Government be adopted for the following purposes:

- a. to purchase goods of acceptable quality at fair and reasonable prices from qualified and capable suppliers/manufacturers/distributors, with on time delivery and satisfactory compliance of all contract terms and conditions;
- b. to assure fair and equitable treatment of suppliers/manufacturers/distributors including arrangements for prompt payments;
- c. to accomplish procurement through open competitive bidding in the interest of economy and efficiency; and
- d. to maintain and collect data for refinement of procurement policies and procedures based on experiences gained.

SECTION 2. Levels of approving authority for contracts involving the procurement of goods/supplies for project-related and normal/regular operations and maintenance activities of all agencies of the National Government shall be as prescribed under the pertinent provisions of Executive Order Nos. 301 and 380 dated 26 July 1987 and 27 November 1989, respectively.

SECTION 3. To ensure efficiency and equitable treatment, awarding of contracts