

Opening Remarks

Training on RA 9184

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To our speaker from the Department of Transportation, Director, Procurement Management Service, Atty. Zenaida B. Bautista-Biteng, members of the MARINA Bids and Awards Committee, BAC Technical Working Groups, BAC Secretariat, and representatives from different service units or end-users, the training secretariat from MFAS Procurement Division, a pleasant day to all.

Today, we are gathered for a refresher and updating training on Republic Act No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act and its revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.

This training aims to provide you with the latest updates on the rules and regulations, as well as procedures in the government procurement as the Government Procurement Policy Board continuously issues or prescribes amendments to the rules and regulations for the modernization, standardization, and regulation of the procurement activities of the government.

The government procurement Reform Act prescribes the rules to address transparency and competition issues, eliminate collusion and interference and lessen the delay in procurement process in the government. As our agency grows in functions and as the industry faces emerging technologies like automation, green solutions and the challenges of keeping abreast with the changing times, more and more procurement projects that are complex and new to MARINA are also required of the Agency. A decade ago, MARINA's procurement projects are limited to the common services that we need such as janitorial, security and goods such as office equipment and furniture. Now, for maintenance and repairs only, we have escalators, elevators, airconditioning units, generators and the like..... we have highly technical projects as well.

As MARINA continuously grow and keep up with the ever changing global landscape, we seek to be knowledgeable not just with the basics, but with confidence and profound understanding about existing government procurement law and the associated regulations and guidelines, in order to deliver our services efficiently and effectively, without any delay.

I sincerely hope that the discussions in this training and the information that will be shared will be applied effectively in our organization. I enjoin everyone to actively participate in the discussion to ensure common understanding for uniform implementation from end users to the Technical Working Groups and the Bids and Awards Committee. In the end, MARINA procurement process will be facilitated with the assurance that all the rules and regulations, as well as the procedures are properly carried out.

Thank you and I wishing you for a very successful training.