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Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV Regional Executive Director Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Region 4B

Dear Sir,

Section 3 © of RA 9184, and its 2016 Revised IRR mandate that all procurement shall be governed by the principle, among others, of having streamlined procurement process that will uniformly apply to all government procurement and shall be simple and made adaptable to advances in modern technology in order to achieve and ensure efficient and effective methods. Section 8.1.1. of the same IRR provides that the PHILGEPS shall serve as the primary and definitive source of information on government procurement, and provides that PHILGEPS will continue its modernized efforts to expand its functionalities so that Government may have a fully electronic government procurement system with full functionalities at each stage. This will be realized through the Modernized PhilGEPS, which as of this time, is still on pilot implementation and that full implementation is expected by early 2023.

Given that, and in order to respond to the procurement training needs of most entities, E-BLACKBOARDS LEARNING and SOLUTIONS, Inc. (EBLSI), continues to offer the basic Version 1.5 PHILGEPS training, to allow Buyer agencies to create and post bid notices as well as Award notifications, and be compliant with the implementation of RA 9184 provisions, while awaiting full implementation of the MPHILGEPS.

EBLSI currently provides *tried and tested solutions* for online training on the use of PHILGEPS having successfully launched the conduct of full online classes in time of COVID, using available online platforms that mirror the usual 2-days sessions conducted face-to-face, facilitated and anchored by Certified PHILGEPS Trainers from different entities nationwide, using **Zoom** complemented by the PHILGEPS Learning Management System for tutorial guidance and system use.

With most education facilities already opening up, EBLSI had re-opened in-person classes, to be held at the EBLSI Training Facility at the 5/F, Sentro Kapitolyo Bldg., West Capitol Dr., corner Stella Mariz St., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City. This will be opened only for regions around Metro Manila, as we are still checking out the availability of training facilities all over the country, which were greatly impacted by the COVID pandemic. Face-to-face training schedules are as follows for the month of **March 2023**:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULES	
March 8-9, 2023 March 15-16, 2023	
March 22-23, 2023 March 29-30, 2023	

Hence, if your agency <u>BAC members, Secretariat and Technical Working Group</u> require <u>PHILGEPS</u> Training for Version 1.5, enroll now! You are most welcome!

The face-to-face classes will be on a first confirmed-first served basis, with only 50% capacity, and reservations are available and accessed via our website: https://e-blackboards.com; your gateway for training enrollment and registration.

For inquiries and/or clarification, please contact us by email at jdesales@e-blackboards.com; or by **telefax** at (02) 7002-3207 or you may get in touch via mobile phone numbers 0992-4886489.

We hope to see you soon in one of our trainings!

Very truly yours,

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