



## GPPB Adapts to “New Normal,” Shifts to

# ONLINE TRAINING

The Government Procurement Policy Board-Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) has shifted to online training in order to continue advancing innovative, responsive, and sustainable public procurement system in the country amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 12 webinars have been initiated by the GPPB-TSO through its Capacity Development and Performance Monitoring Divisions and some in collaboration with other agencies from April to August this year. They conducted the last webinar on August 26, 2020. Around 3,760 individuals from the government and the private sector participated in the webinar series, which were also streamed on Facebook with more than 50,000 combined views.

The GPPB-TSO designed the webinars to cover topics that are relevant to the new normal, which included emergency procurement under the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act (Bayanihan), updated procedure on negotiated procurement – emergency cases, efficient procurement measures, and simplified procurement reporting.

Executive Director Atty. Rowena Candice M. Ruiz and Deputy Executive Director Atty. Melissa A. Santiago-Yan headed the pool of speakers together with the invited GPPB recognized trainers.

On top of these, the GPPB-TSO and experts from various government agencies recently held webinars on Bayanihan 2 for Procuring Entities (September 30, 2020), and Suppliers (October 1, 2020) which had 144 participants and 10,000 views on Facebook. The webinars highlighted the rules on the application of domestic preference on goods covered under Bayanihan 2, and covered the procedures and requirements needed for suppliers to obtain Domestic Bidders Certificate, among others. Most domestic bidders for COVID-19 items are new manufacturers and suppliers who have adapted and transformed their business to respond to the pandemic.

Meanwhile, the Digital Learning Series will be launched this October to discuss updates on all streamlining efforts of the GPPB and its TSO over the year, and cover another set of Bayanihan 2 and basic modules on government procurement webinars.