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MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 144

REMINDING ALL HEAD OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO FAITHFULLY COMPLY WITH SECTION 13, ARTICLE V OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION, STANDARDIZATION AND REGULATION OF THE PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," ON INVITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS IN THE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to Section 13, Article V of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), all heads of National Government agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations, and local government units are hereby reminded to invite, in all stages of the procurement process, in addition to the representative of the Commission on Audit, at least two (2) observers to sit in Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) proceedings, one (1) from a duly recognized private group in a sector or discipline relevant to the procurement at hand, and the other from a non-government organization (NGO), in order to enhance transparency of the procurement process.

Issued this 13th day of August 2004

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **ALBERTO G. ROMULO**
Executive Secretary