[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 262, July 05, 2000]

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 302, SERIES OF 1996, ENTITLED "PROVIDING POLICIES, GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS/SUPPLIES BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT" AND SECTION THREE (3) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 201, SERIES OF 2000, ENTITLED "PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES IN THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SUPPLIES BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT"

WHEREAS, the amendments to Executive Order (EO) No. 302, series of 1996, are based on the basic principles of: shifting emphasis from pre-qualification to eligibility check, and strengthening post-qualification; changing the criterion for award from lowest evaluated responsive bid to lowest calculated responsive bid; and use of available budget a the ceiling in evaluating bid price;

WHEREAS, the Prequalification, Bids and Awards Committee shall be replaced by the Bids and Awards Committee to de-emphasize prequalification in favor of postqualification;

WHEREAS, the function of the Procurement Policy Board created under EO No. 359, series of 1989, shall be extended to formulate and promulgate the amendments to the implementing rules and regulations of this Executive Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of EO No. 302, series of 1996, as amended by EO No. 201, series of 2000, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "**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 including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) 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;