

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37, September 26, 1998]

**DIRECTING THE NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER (NCC) TO
CONDUCT AND MANAGE THE PRE-QUALIFICATION, BIDS AND
AWARDS OF ALL GOVERNMENT—IT RELATED PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 empowers the President with the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President and to transfer functions from one department or agency to another;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to have an integrated government computerization program coordinating all existing government entities;

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate, integrate, modify, modernize and speed-up all the Information Technology (IT) programs and projects of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a central body that will oversee the coordination, integration and implementation of government IT programs and projects in order to enhance the planning and use of computer resources with high quality and cost efficiency as major considerations.

WHEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. All National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), State Colleges and Universities (SUCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) to integrate their IT programs and projects with the government information infrastructure (GII) spearheaded by the NCC;

Section 2. All NGAs, LGUs, SUCs, GFIs and GOCCs to submit all their existing and proposed Information Systems Plans (ISPs) projects including hardware, software and system inventories to the NCC;

Section 3. The NCC to conduct and manage all IT-related pre-qualification, bid and award functions of all existing government entities in order to ensure systems efficiency, software/hardware compatibility, economies of scale and technical backup capabilities;

Section 4. All orders, directories, issuances, resolutions, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this executive order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.