

**[ BUCOR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 126, S. 2008, March 05, 2008 ]**

**RULES ON GIFTS AND BENEFITS**

**I. PURPOSE**

Pursuant to the provisions of RA No. 6713 otherwise known as Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Government officials and employees, and guided by the principles that a public office is a public trust and all public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and lead modest lives, the Bureau of Corrections is committed to uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity throughout the institution.

In order to successfully achieve the mandate of twin inseparable objectives of custody and rehabilitation of national offenders, the officials and employees of this Bureau should serve as models for honesty, humility, and integrity. Thus, any act of dishonesty through acceptance or honoring bribery, greatly affects the honor and dignity not only of the employees but the represented institution as well.

In this view thereof, there is a need to establish Rules on Gifts and Benefits that are peculiar to the officials and employees of the Bureau of Corrections.

**II. SCOPE**

These Rules shall apply to all officials and employees of the Bureau of Corrections, in addition to other prohibitions on soliciting and receiving gifts and benefits imposed by law.

**III. POLICIES AND RULES**

*SECTION 1.* As used herein, the terms:

**A. Gifts**

1. Refers to donations given by the benefactors for official use of the recipients.
2. Assistance in kind or in cash for the benefit of the recipient.
3. Anything monetary in value, be it a tangible item or service. That includes gratuity favor discount, entertainment, hospitality, forbearance, training, transportation lodging meal or anything else of monetary value.

**B. Benefit** - refers to a right, privilege, entertainment, exemption or any other similar act of liberality in favor of another.