

**[ MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 24, January 18, 1999 ]**

**REQUIRING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BUREAUS, OFFICES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD BIDDING (EBB) SYSTEM FOR ALL PUBLIC BIDDINGS**

WHEREAS, being a public entity, the government recognizes the necessity of maintaining transparency in all its transactions, especially those involving disbursement or acquisition of funds such as the sale of government assets, awarding of contracts and projects, and procurements, through public biddings;

WHEREAS, with the aid of new technology and innovation, a new bidding procedure, named Electronic Billboard Bidding (EBB), was found to be cost-efficient and effective in upholding the integrity of public bidding;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA), which exercises authority to validate all public biddings, has stated that the EBB is perfectly in accord with existing laws and issuances requiring public bidding as the primary mode of awarding government contracts, procurement, and other similar activities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby direct all heads of departments, bureaus, offices and agencies of the government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations to adopt and implement the Electronic Billboard Bidding (EBB) system for all public biddings.

For purposes of clarification, attached is the procedure of conducting the EBB system.

This directive shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 18 Jan. 1999

(SGD.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA  
*President*

**PROCEDURES IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD BIDDING**

1. Prior to the financial bidding done in the EBB system, all proponents should undergo and pass the standard pre-qualification review. In this stage, the proposals are evaluated and determined if they comply to the technical specifications/requirements of the project. Proponents, therefore, should submit