

Philippine PPP Procurement: Processes, Accountabilities and Fraud Challenges





















The Philippine PPP Program



Outlook: Infrastructure Spending

Government
Appropriations Act
(GAA)

Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) Part of the proposed 10 point socioeconomic agenda of the incoming administration is to accelerate annual infrastructure spending to account for 5% of the GDP with PPPs playing a key role

On top of public spending, **PPPs** will bring in private sector capital and expertise to address the infrastructure gap.

The PPP Program

 A PPP is a contractual arrangement between the government (Implementing Agency) and private sector partner to accelerate provision and/or implementation of infrastructure and/or development projects or services.

Private sector role:

- State's partner in development
- Efficiency gains in technology and innovation
- Financing, design, construction, operation of facility, authority to collect fees

• PPP as a:

- Development strategy
- Financing option
- Procurement option



Legal and Regulatory Framework

1987 Philippine Constitution

"The State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments.

RA 6957, as amended by RA 7718:

The Amended Build-Operate-and-Transfer (BOT) Law and its IRR

- Revised NEDA JV Guidelines
- Other Major Laws

RA 10752 (Right of Way Acquisition Act)

RA 8975 (Expeditious Implementation and Completion of Government Infrastructure Projects by Prohibiting Lower Courts from Issuing Temporary Restraining Orders)
RA 7160 (Local Government Code)





Philippine Modes of Procurement

	GPRA	ВОТ	JV
LEGAL BASIS	RA 9184	RA 6957/7718 and its IRR	EO 243, NEDA JV Guidelines
FINANCING	GAA/ODA	Private Sector	Joint
TERM	Short Term	Long Term	Short or Long Term
OWNERSHIP	Government	Government	Government or Private
APPLICATION	All	All	GOCCs / GFIs / GCEs / GICPs / SUCs





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	GPRA	ВОТ	JV
ENTITIES / PARTIES	BAC	PBAC	No counterpart provision
INVOLVED	Head of Procuring Entity (HOPE)	Head of Agency	Head of office (government) / Private sector partner
	Procuring Agency	Implementing Agency	LGUs, GOCCs, GCEs, GFIs, GICPs, and SUCs
	BAC Secretariat/ TWG	No counterpart provision / By common practice these parties are also formed	No counterpart provision
MONITORING	GPPB	PPP Center	NEDA/PPP Center





Philippine Modes of Procurement

	GPRA	ВОТ	JV
TENDER PROCESSES	Competitive bidding and alternative methods	Competitive bidding (solicited); Swiss Challenge (unsolicited)	Competitive selection; Negotiated JV and competitive challenge
BID PARAMETER	Lowest calculated and responsive bid	Highest concession fee, Lowest government share. Lowest cost to consumer, highest/lowest lease fee, etc.	Highest concession fee, Lowest government share. Lowest cost to consumer, highest/lowest lease fee, etc.



	IRR OF THE GPRA	REVISED IRR OF THE BOT LAW
Scope and Application	All procurement, except projects funded by foreign grants, acquisition of real property, and PPP procurement	Public-Private Sector Infrastructure or Development Projects
Basis of Procurement	Annual Procurement Plan (APP)	Eligible types of projects and Priority projects
Approval	APP shall be approved by the HOPE or the second-ranking official designated by the HOPE	Approving Bodies per Project Cost
Bids and Awards Committee	5-7 members; defined ranking of members	6 members; no specified ranking except the Chairman
	Responsible for all aspects of the bidding process, from advertisement or invitation to bid up to the recommendation of the award of contracts to the HOPE	Responsible for all aspects of the <u>pre-bidding</u> (e.g. the preparation of the bidding/tender documents) and bidding process

	IRR OF THE GPRA	REVISED IRR OF THE BOT LAW
Advertisement of the ITB/ITPB or REOI	At least once in 1 newspaper of general nationwide circulation	Once every week for 3 consecutive weeks, in at least 2 newspapers of general circulation and in at least 1 local newspaper of general circulation in the region, province, city or municipality in which the projects are to be implemented
Qualification Process	No pre-qualification process	No post-qualification process
Supplemental Bid Bulletin/ Supplemental Notices	To clarify or interpret bidding documents	To interpret any data or requirements on any part of the bidding documents
Pre-bid Conference	ABC equal to or greater than 1million	Mandatory

	IRR OF THE GPRA	REVISED IRR OF THE BOT LAW
Time for preparation and submission of bids	<50M within 50 cd >50M within 65 cd from the last day of posting of the ITB/REOI up to the submission and receipt of bids	<300M within 30 cd >300M within 60 cd from the date of issuance of tender documents to prequalified bidders
Submission and Receipt of Bids	2 separate sealed bid envelopes 1) technical component / eligibility requirements 2) financial component of the bid	 separate sealed envelopes technical proposal financial proposal envelopes (simultaneous qualification) qualification requirements technical proposal financial proposal.

	IRR OF THE GPRA	REVISED IRR OF THE BOT LAW
Opening of Bids	Nondiscretionary "pass/fail" criterion for the first envelope (technical proposal)	Technical proposal shall only be opened to ascertain whether the same is complete in terms of the data required under Section 7.1 (b).
	•	inancial proposal rated "passed" / passed ria shall be opened for further evaluation
Bid Evaluation	Determining the Lowest Calculated Bid	Evaluation of technical, operational, environmental, and financing viability (1st envelope); Evaluation of financial proposals of the bidders (2nd envelope)
Bid Validity	120 cd from the date of the opening of bids	180 cd following the opening of bids
Contract Execution	within 10 cd	within 5 cd
NTP/NTCI	within 3 cd from the contract execution	within 5 cd from the contract execution

PPP Procurement

SOLICITED

 part of the list of priority projects (identified in the PIP for national projects and the RDIP/PDIP/LDIP for regional, provincial and local projects)

UNSOLICITED

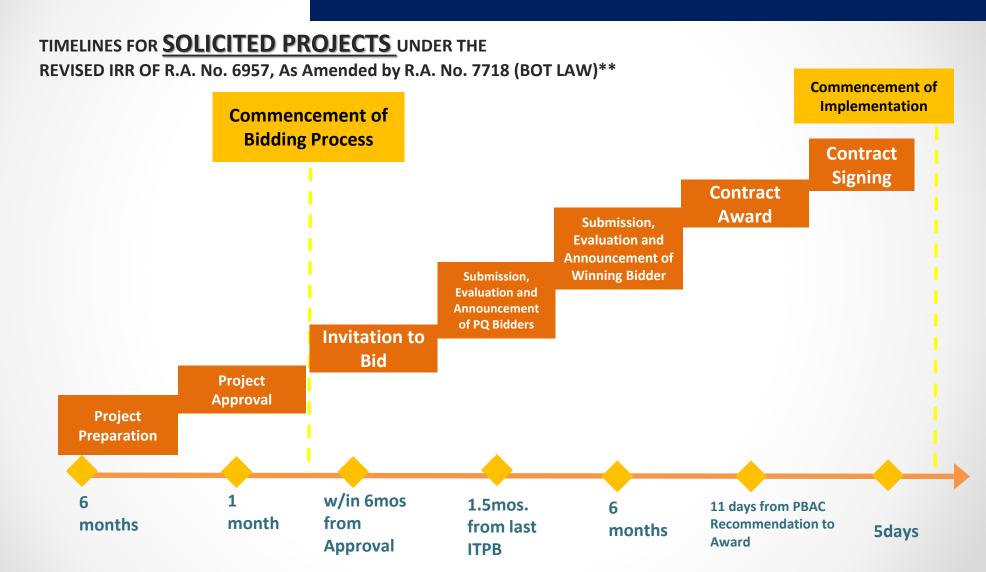
- refers to project proposals submitted by the private sector, not in response to a formal solicitation /request issued by an agency/Agency
- Involves new concept or technology and/or is not part of the list of priority projects
- No direct government guarantee, subsidy or equity is required



PPP Procurement

	SOLICITED	UNSOLICITED
Scope/Projects covered	List of priority projects	Submitted by the private sector; a new concept or technology
Approval of projects by the approving body	Approving body per project cost	Mandatory ICC determination of ROR; Approving body per project cost
Negotiations after project approval and prior to tendering	No such negotiations; unless cases of direct negotiations (Sec 9.1)	Negotiations by the agency/LGU with the original proponent are conducted after receiving advice from the ICC/approving body of the project approval. (Sec. 10.8 (3))
Approval of contracts	Review/Approval by DOF or statutory counsel (Sec 2.8)	Review/Approval by DOF or statutory counsel (Sec 10.9)
Submission of bids	 2-stage (1. Prequalification stage; 2. Technical and financial bids' submission) Single stage or simultaneous qualification. 	Single stage only, 3 envelopes – qualification documents, technical proposal, financial proposal.

Solicited Projects

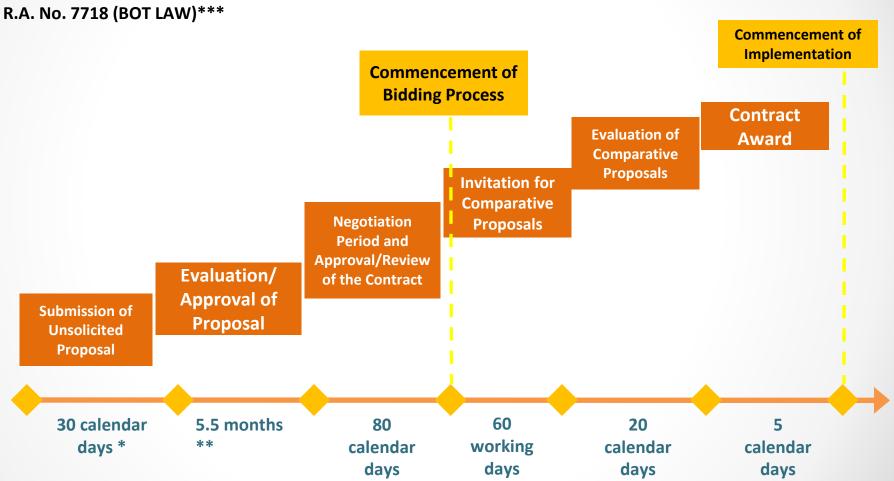


^{*6} months standard project preparation time frame may vary depending on project complexity

^{* *} Plus estimates

Unsolicited Projects

TIMELINES FOR **UNSOLICITED PROJECTS** UNDER THE REVISED IRR OF R.A. No. 6957, As Amended by



^{*} After acknowledging receipt of proposal, agency/LGU shall advise the proponent for the proposal's completeness within 30 calendar days

^{* *} Evaluation of proposal by the Agency/LGU and ICC

^{* * *} Plus estimates



Procurement Requirements





















The Implementing Agency

PPP Unit

- Responsible for planning, overseeing and monitoring projects of the Agency
- o Composition:
 - Head: Senior Official of the Agency as PPP Project Development Officer (PDO)
 - Members: Technical and legal personnel who are knowledgeable on the IA's PPP project/s





The Implementing Agency

PPP Pre-qualification, Bids, and Awards Committee (PBAC)

- As provided in the RA 7718 (BOT Law) IRR Rule 3, Agencies are required to create a PBAC for PPP projects.
- The PPP PBAC shall be responsible for all aspects of pre-bidding and bidding process / conducting the Swiss Challenge.
 - Preparation of tender documents and bid evaluation criteria
 - Publication of the invitation to pre-qualify and bid
 - Qualification of prospective bidders
 - Pre-bid conferences and issuance of supplemental notices
 - · Conduct of bidding
 - Evaluation of bids, resolution of disputes between bidders
 - Recommendation for the acceptance of the bid and/or for the award of the project





The Implementing Agency

PPP Pre-qualification, Bids, and Awards Committee (PBAC)

Composition of PBAC provided in RA 7718 IRR Rule 3:

Designation	Focal Person/s
Chairman	At least a third ranking regular official of the Agency
Secretary	Legal Officer
	MEMBERS
Voting	One (1) officer knowledgeable in finance
	One (1) officer knowledgeable in the management and operation of the project
 Provisional 	One (1) technical officer knowledgeable with the technical aspects and requirements of the project, duly designated by the Head of Agency on a project-to-project basis
	One (1) technical officer knowledgeable with aspects of requirements of the project from a concerned regulatory body, who is to be invited by the Agency concerned on a project-to-project basis (non-voting)
 Observer and Non-Voting 	Two (2) representatives from the private sector: one from a duly recognized Contractors association and the other from either the facility users or a duly recognized accounting association
	One (1) representative from the Commission on Audit
	One (1) representative from the PPP Center

The Implementing Agency

PBAC Technical Working Group

- Assists PBAC in terms of technical, financial, and legal aspects of procurement, specifically on the following PBAC activities:
 - Preparation of Bidding Documents
 - Conduct of PQ of Prospective Bidders
 - Evaluation of bids and preparation of accompanying reports
 - Conduct of post-qualification activities and prepare post-qualification summary report
 - Preparing the resolution recommending award
- Provide utmost priority to PBAC assignments over all other duties and responsibilities, until the requirements for the procurement at hand are completed





The Implementing Agency

PBAC Secretariat

- Provides administrative support to the PBAC
- Organizes and makes all necessary arrangements for the PBAC meetings
- Prepare minutes of PBAC meetings
- Take custody of procurement documents and be responsible for the sale and distribution of Bid Documents
- Assist in managing the procurement processes
- Monitor procurement activities and milestones for proper reporting to relevant agencies
- Make arrangements for the pre-procurement and pre-bid conferences and bid openings





Private Partners

Lenders

- The party that provides debt service / financial sources for the PPP project.
- Financiers / Banks

Investors

- The party that takes the entrepreneurial initiative of the PPP business
- Bidders / Equity sponsors
- Can be Private Individuals, Firms, or Consortia

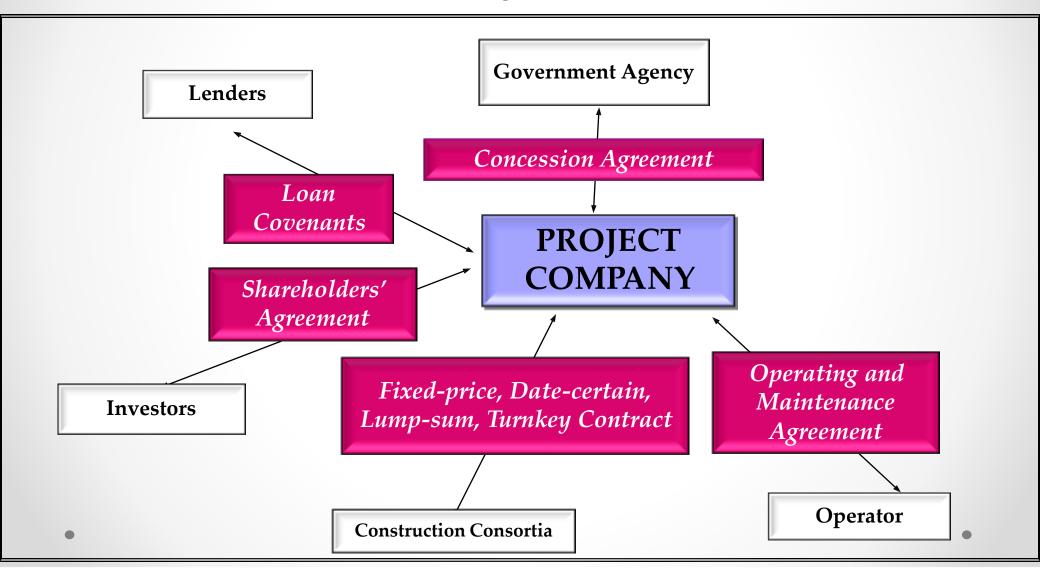
Construction Contractor

- The party that undertakes the actual construction and/or supply of equipment for the project
- May or may not be the project proponent

<u>Operator</u>

- The party responsible for all aspects of O&M of the infrastructure or development facility.
- May or may not be the project proponent

Contracts Binding the Actors in a PPP



The PPP Center

PROJECT PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- √ Capacity Development
- √ Pre-investment financing (PDMF)
- Advisory services (legal, technical, financial matters)

PROJECT REVEW & APPROVAL/ PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS

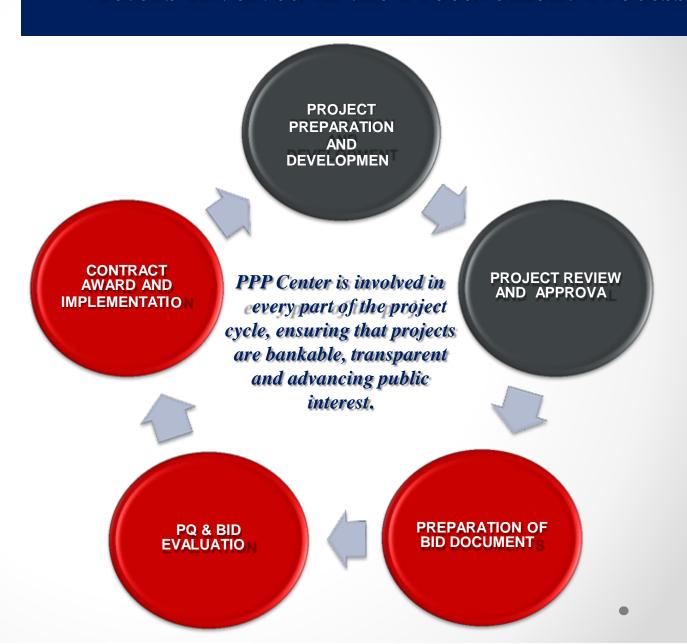
✓ Preparation of PPP transaction documents (bid documents, draft contract, etc)

PO & BID EVALUATION

- ✓ Participate as non-voting observer of BAC
- Provide advice during procurement process

CONTRACT AWARD & IMPLEMENTATION

✓ Monitor project implementation and contract compliance



Fraud Challenges

Misrepresentation Causing Termination

- Conflict of interest
- Collusive bidding by prequalified bidders
- False statements and claims
- Change Order abuse
- Product substitution



Fraud Challenges

Non-observance of bidding process amounting to violation of RA 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act)

- Unjustified sole source awards
- Leaking of confidential bid information
- Tailored bid specifications
- Premature opening and altering of bids
- Unjustifiable extension of bid opening dates



Areas for Improvement

Institutional and Process Reforms

Due Diligence

Project Preparation Stage

- Institutional Capacity
- Policy Circular on Pipeline Development
- Project Development and Monitoring Facility (PDMF)
- Transaction Advisors

Approval Stage

- Inter-agency representation (ICC TWG, ICC-CC, NEDA Board)
- Risk sharing (GPRAM/Risk Management Program)

Procurement Stage

- PBAC membership and capacity development
- Transparency/predictability of processes/decisions
- External support (transaction advisors, probity advisors, etc.)

Implementation Stage

- Contractual compliance monitoring/tracking
- Monitoring Framework and Protocols

Policy Reforms

Areas for Improvement

PPP Act

- Subsume JVs into Amendment of BOT Law or PPP Act
- Clarify processes for unsolicited projects
- Clearer appeal mechanism in all stages of procurement process

Policy Circulars (PPP Governing Board)

- Guidelines on Appraisal of PPP Projects
- Pipeline Development
- PPP Best Practices
- Viability Gap Funding
- Appointment of Probity Advisors for PPP Procurement
- Termination Payment for PPP Projects
- PPP Monitoring Framework and Protocols
- Assessing Value for Money in PPP Projects
- Managing Government Employees Affected by PPP Projects
- Public Consultation and Engagement for PPP Projects

Capacity Building

- Contracting Entities (IAs, LGUs, SUCs, GOCCs)
- Oversight Agencies (NEDA, DOF, DENR, DBM, etc.)
- COA (PPP Audit Guidelines)



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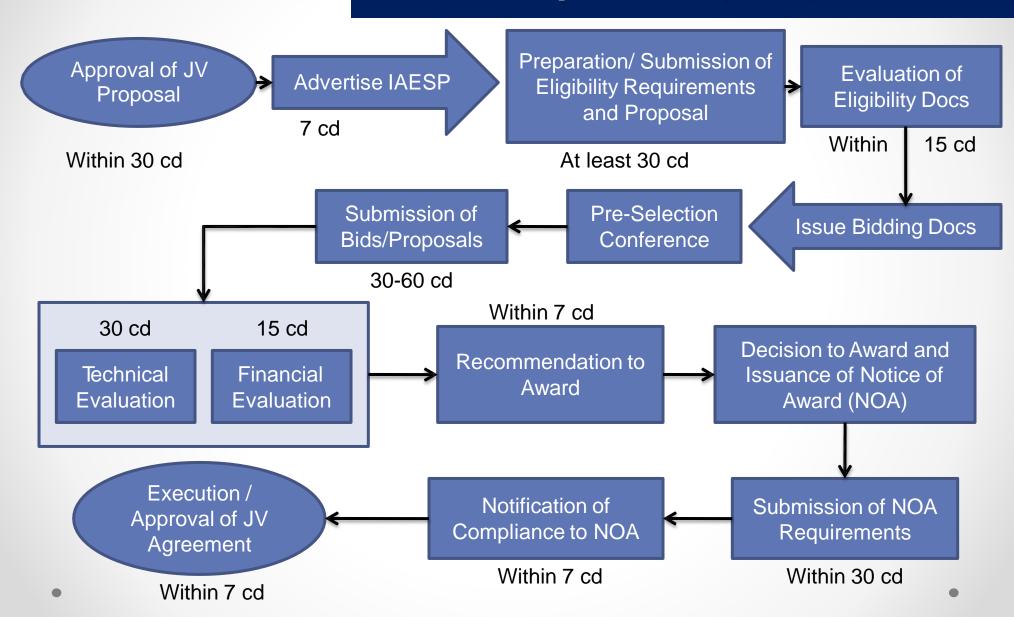






JOINT VENTURE

Procedures for Competitive Selection (Annex A, NEDA JV Guidelines)



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Procedures for Negotiated JV and Competitive Challenge (Annex B, NEDA JV Guidelines)

