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Consistent with the thrust of public accountability and the procurement principles of **INTEGRITY**, **ACCOUNTABILITY** and **TRANSPARENCY**, the Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) issues this reminder and warning to all bidders and the general public that it prohibits the acceptance and solicitation of money, goods, favors or any items of value for any financial gain from contractors, consultants, suppliers and service providers, and other entities.

There might be unscrupulous individuals, entities or groups, pretending or posing as member(s) of TPB-BAC, the TWG and Secretariat, or using the name or identities of TPB officials and personnel, for personal or financial gain. TPB condemns these misrepresentations and activities in no uncertain terms, and categorically deny any involvement or participation in these unlawful, unconscionable and deplorable schemes.

Moreover, as part of TPB's corporate good governance, TPB adopts a "No Gift Policy" whereby *"The Corporation, its officers and employees, shall NOT SOLICIT OR ACCEPT, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan, or use, anything of monetary value from a person, groups, associations, or juridical entities, whether from the public or the private sectors, at any time, on or off the work premises, in the course of their official duties or in connection with any operation being regulated by, or any transaction which may be affected by the functions of their office."*

TPB upholds ethics and accountability in the delivery of services to the public in accordance with its mandate, and it condemns any corrupt, fraudulent actions, or any conduct that compromises the integrity of the corporation.

The public is warned that any attempt to precipitate corrupt and illegal activities shall be dealt and sanctioned in accordance with the law. It is also respectfully requested to report individuals, entities or groups, representing, soliciting, asking or requesting money or contribution, or any alleged favors concerning procurement activities, exchange or facilitation for the release of public funds, and other similar illegal and nefarious activities to the email address at bac_sec@tpb.gov.ph.