Separate Internal Audit Function

Section 2.3 and 2.4 of the PPMC's Audit Manual provides that:

2.3 CREATION

The need for internal audit services as a tool for achieving efficient and effective administration and performance of agency affairs and functions has been recognized as early as 1962 when R.A. 3456 was enacted.

The IASO was created in compliance with Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 278 dated April 28, 1992 as amended by A.O. No. 70, dated April 14, 2003.

A.O. No. 70 was issued to strengthen the internal control systems of the government offices, agencies, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, including government financial institutions, state universities and colleges and local government units by creating an Internal Audit Service in their respective offices.

Further, the creation of the IASO is in compliance with the recommendation of the Commission on Audit (COA) to organize an Internal Audit Office as mentioned in the 2008 Annual Audit Report of PPMC. The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) approved the funding of the said position in year 2010.

2.4 INDEPENDENCE

In performing its responsibilities, the IASO must be independent, in fact and perception, of the activities audited. This independence is essential to freely, and objectively carry out the mission of the Office. Independence permits internal auditors to render an impartial and unbiased judgement essential to the proper conduct of the audits.

The internal auditors shall be free of influence by any element in the company, including matters of audit selection, scope, procedures, frequency, timing, or report content to permit maintenance of an independent and objective mental attitude necessary in rendering reports.

The internal auditors shall not engage in any activity which they would examine, review and appraise in the course of performing their functions or which may be construed to impair their objectivity.

Internal audit shall serve as an advisory function and not a line or operating function. It is not concerned with participation in, authority over or pre-action in the approval of operations or transactions. Being an advisory unit and in consonance with the provision of Administrative Order No. 278, dated April 28, 1992, the IASO shall be prohibited from performing the following functions, which impair independence and objectivity:



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- 1. Pre-audit of vouchers and countersigning of checks;
- 2. Inspection of deliveries, although the IASO may, as part of its examination, observe the inspection of deliveries and conduct separate inspection as determine in the course of audit engagements;
- 3. Preparation of Treasury and bank reconciliation statements;
- 4. Drafting, developing, installing and operating controls, systems and procedures. In exceptional cases, the IASO may, however, assist by way of giving suggestions and recommendations;
- 5. Conduct physical inventory. The IASO, however may view the plans in advance and observe and test-check the accuracy of counting and summarizing;
- 6. Maintaining property records; and
- 7. All other activities related to operation.

