OBJECTIVE:
To review and analyze the current institutional roles and responsibilities and map out exiting laws and regulations

OUTPUTS:
The following are the expected outputs of the Purchase Order:
1. Philippines water sector policy review
2. Develop a policy paper for presentation to USAID and key government agencies for review

Project Period:
Funded by:
AECOM International Development, Inc.

Activity Background
A severely fragmented water sector and chaotic regulatory regime coupled with recent jurisprudence necessitate the need for institutional and legislative reform in the Philippines. Water security will be further threatened due to the impacts of climate change. The current water sector reform landscape in the country presents both an opportunity and a challenge for the government to orchestrate reform activities. Executive Order 62 was passed in 2011, designating the Secretary of the DPWH as the country’s water czar. To date, several bills in both Houses of Congress have been proposed to address the problems of the water sector. The Be Secure Project shall support necessary reforms by analyzing current roles, responsibilities and regulations, reviewing proposed legislation and gaining consensus on improved institutional roles and responsibilities. The Project will also engage civil society to advocate for more accountability of government officials in water sector performance. This assignment is to undertake the first step in these efforts.

Project Background
Under USAID contract number AID-492-C-13-00015, AECOM International Development (AECOM) implements the Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth and Stability (Be Secure) Project in support of USAID/Philippines. The Be Secure Project was awarded on July 8, 2013, with a period of performance of four years, ending on July 7, 2017. Be Secure has two major, interrelated components to support water security in selected sites in the Philippines:
1. Increasing sustainable access to water supply services and wastewater services; and
2. Increasing resilience to climate-related water stress and hydrologic extremes.

AECOM International Development, Inc. ("AECOM") is utilizing monies provided by the United States Agency for International Development under agreement with the Government of the Philippines. In order to help achieve the shared objectives, AECOM is subcontracting the Ateneo School of Government (ASoG) for delivering Philippines water sector policy review.

Specifically, ASoG shall:

a. Conduct a comprehensive desk review and interview key informants to clearly delineate the current institutional roles, assignment of responsibilities and authorities to perform various functions of the main government agencies involved in the water and wastewater treatment sector (i.e., National Water Resources Board (NWRB), Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

b. Create a map or matrix showing current laws and regulations and how they are related to each other, existing mechanisms for coordination, exchange of information and a summary of related initiatives by aid agencies and civil society organizations.

c. Analyze policy gaps, overlaps, complementarities, and areas of convergence between the current water institutions and proposed reforms (i.e., Water Regulatory Commission/National Water Resources Management Office).

d. The outputs of (a), (b) and (c) will be contained in a policy paper that will be submitted to USAID and the government agencies listed above for review and comment.