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INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CREATION OF A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE JICA ROAD UPGRADING AND PRESERVATION PROJECT (J-RUPP)

To achieve efficient and effective implementation of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Road Upgrading and Preservation Project (J-RUPP) and to ensure timely project start-ups, particularly on procurement activities, a Program Management Office for J-RUPP (J-RUPP PMO) is hereby created.

In the meantime that the loan is under process and not yet approved, the Department, through the J-RUPP PMO, as agreed with JICA, shall proceed with the procurement of the necessary consultancy services for the purpose of coming up with the short list of consultants for the J-RUPP. The Central Office Bids and Awards Committee for Consultancy Services shall handle such procurement.

In order to ensure coordinated efforts among the components of J-RUPP, a Program Director shall be designated to head the J-RUPP PMO. The Program Director shall report directly to the Assistant Secretary designated as Overall In-Charge of J-RUPP.

Component Managers shall also be designated for each of the three (3) components of J-RUPP, namely: (a) Road Upgrading and Improvement, (b) Asset Preservation and Preventive Maintenance, and (c) Institutional Capacity Development. In the interim, the Component Managers shall utilize their respective existing staff.

The Steering Committee created under Special Order No. 44, series of 2009, assisted by a Technical Working Group (TWG), shall continue to coordinate project preparation activities until the loan is approved.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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