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**SUBJECT: Revision on the Adoption of the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports, Volume II; for Public Works Structures, Volume III; Special Items of Work (SPLs) in DPWH Projects; and Revised Standard Pay Item List for Infrastructure Projects**

To avoid unnecessary delays during the implementation of various DPWH projects and to facilitate the expeditious evaluation thereof by the DPWH Inspectors as to conformance with the Plans and compliance to the prescribed Specifications, the DPWH Implementing Offices are hereby directed to strictly adopt the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports, Volume II and for Public Works Structures, Volume III, any approved Standard Specifications with a corresponding item in the Standard Pay Item List, or any approved Special Pay Item (SPL) with its corresponding General Technical Specification.

To ensure uniformity in the application/adoption of the Pay Item Numbers for Pay Items of Work involved in the preparation of the Design Plans and Quantities, Programs of Works (POW) and Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for Infrastructure Projects nationwide, all implementing offices of the Department are hereby directed to use the revised Standard Pay Item List as prescribed via Memorandum issued by the Undersecretary for Technical Services for various pay items based on the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports (Volume II) and Buildings, Ports and Harbors, Flood Control and Drainage Structures and Water Supply Systems (Volume III). This consolidates pay items subscript based on different dimensions/sizes, classifications, and types of an item, and incorporates other new pay items not yet included in the Blue Book but are deemed necessary in the actual implementation.

The revised Standard Pay Item List shall be adopted with the following considerations:

- a. For projects already bid out/awarded/contracted, change of pay items number description/unit of measure to conform with the standard pay items shall be effected with the approval of the Head of Implementing Office (IO);
- b. For projects with already approved Plans, POW & ABC, change of pay items number description/unit of measure to conform with the standard pay items shall be effected with the approval of the Head of Implementing Office, prior to the bidding;
- c. Pay items provided with a Certificate of Conditional Approval, also known as **pilot pay items**, shall only be valid during the five-year evaluation span as defined in their respective issuances of standard specification unless found successful and approved as regular pay item.

In cases wherein items of work that are not found in the revised Standard Pay Item List are required to be utilized in DPWH infrastructure projects to suit actual field conditions or new types of structures, the concerned Implementing Office shall submit the Generic Technical Specifications of said Special Pay Item (SPL), i.e. materials requirement, construction methodology, unit of measure, method of payment, etc., with the corresponding references (e.g. ASTM, AASHTO, PNS, etc.) to the Bureau of Research and Standards (BRS) prior to procurement as part of the preparation of the Program of Work, at the latest. Non-compliance shall result in no payment to the contractor concerned on unapproved pay items of work.

Upon compliance and review by BRS, the Undersecretary for Technical Services is hereby authorized to approve or disapprove said SPL through Memorandum. Once approved by the Undersecretary for Technical Services, BRS will immediately load the SPL into the Project and Contract Management Application (PCMA) Pay Item Library and said SPL may then also be used by other Implementing Offices. The SPL approved Specifications will be made available by BRS on the Department's Intranet site and BRS is responsible for inclusion of the said specifications in the update of the **DPWH Standard Specifications** for adoption as a Standard Pay Item.

Authority to issue updates to DPWH Standard Specifications, Standard Pay Items, and/or New, Special, or Pilot Pay Items is hereby delegated to the Undersecretary for Technical Services and no longer require the issuance of a separate Department Order.

This Order supersedes Department Order No. 99, Series of 2017 (*Revision on the Adoption of the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports, Volume II; for Public Works Structures, Volume III; and, Special Items of Work (SPLs) in DPWH Projects*) and Department Order 143, Series 2017 (*Revised Standard Pay Item List for Infrastructure Projects*) and shall take effect immediately.



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