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MINISTRY - OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS NIA Building, E. de los Santos Ave., Quezon City

OFFICE of the MINISTER

August 31, 1978

MINISTRY ORDER)	SUBJECT:	Further amending Department
NO. 50		Order No. 33, series of 1976
NO: <u>)</u>)		regarding Construction
x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x		Contracts.

In line with the Government's policy to continuously improve the management of construction contracts, Condition No. 4 of Department Order No. 33, series of 1976, as amended by Department Order No. 8, series of 1978, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

- "4. No bidding for any construction project of the regular bureaus/agencies/offices of the Ministry shall be held unless the Government Estimate has been reviewed and approved by:
- a) the Minister or his duly authorized Deputy or Assistant Minister for every project costing more than \$\vec{P}750,000 or more;
 - b) the Bureau/Agency head concerned or, with his authority, his Assistant Director, for every project costing more than #300,000 but not exceeding #750,000;
 - c) the Regional Director concerned for every project costing more than \$\mathbf{P}\$100,000 but not exceeding \$\mathbf{P}\$300,000; and
 - d) the District Engineer concerned for every project costing \$100,000 or less.
- 5. No award of a contract shall be made to a bidder whose bid price is higher than the approved Government Estimate. Neither shall any award be made to a bidder whose bid price is less than seventy percent (70%) of either the approved Government Estimate or the average of all bids accepted and considered, whichever is Any award to a bidder whose price is lower. less than seventy five percent (75%) but not lower than seventy percent (70%) of either the approved Government Estimate or the average complying bids, whichever is lower, shall, however, be subject to the submission by the bidder of a justification of his offer that is satisfactory to the bureau/agency concerned, and to an increase of his performance bond by twenty percent (20%).

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6. For purposes of determining the "average of all bids accepted and considered" mentioned in item 5 above, bids higher than one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the approved Government Estimate shall not be considered.

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7. It is understood that the phrase "every project" herein contemplated means one utile project, and any splitting thereof shall be considered a circumvention of this rule and a nullity."

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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