



Republic of the Philippines
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS,
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OFFICE of the MINISTER

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MINISTRY ORDER)

No. 80-54)

SUBJECT: Labor-Intensive Methods

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To: The Deputy Minister
The Assistant Secretaries
All Regional Directors
All District and City Engineers
The Administrator, NIA
Other Heads of Attached Agencies

Pursuant to the directive of the President issued on 24 July 1980 to the Minister of Public Works to take steps to emphasize more labor-intensive methods rather than machinery intensive operations in the implementation of appropriate local infrastructure projects like school buildings, flood control, irrigation, farm-to-market roads and other similar structures, and to give more meaningful adherence to the policies enunciated in the existing Public Works Acts and Presidential issuances, it is hereby directed that:

1. The existing requirement to prepare at least two (2) Programs of Work (POW) - one the traditional or conventional way and another using labor-intensive methods - is considered mandatory, and no construction work shall proceed without such preparation of the required POWs. The prosecution of the work by labor-intensive methods is compulsory in accordance with Batas Pambansa Blg. 13 and 50 if the cost of such is not more than 10% of the traditional way and the estimated duration of the project done by labor intensive method does not exceed the duration of the traditional way by more than 50%.
2. All POW's of on-going projects not being prosecuted by labor-intensive method and with a remaining balance of work of more than 50% shall be reviewed and a reduction of at least 20% on the item for fuel, oil and lubricants and/or equipment rental shall be made and the same transferred to its labor costs.

3. As an incentive to adopt a more labor-intensive method in addition to item 2 above, the contractor may request to use other labor-intensive methods/ techniques and upon evaluation of the manpower vs. equipment proposal and the approval of such request by the head of office or his duly authorized representatives, shall be entitled to an ~~evaluated~~ or equivalent extension of not more than 50% of the remaining contract time.
4. As authorized by Batas Pambansa Blg. 50, small hand tools or equipment may be advanced to laborers with the cost thereof reimbursable from their earned wages on reasonable installments during the duration of their employment in the project.
5. Contractors shall assure the maximum use of available local unskilled labor in accordance with national policy and specifically Section 3 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 50, and violations of this shall be ground for suspension or termination for cause of the contracts involved.
6. In new and existing contracts, lack of fuel and spare parts for equipment shall not be considered sufficient justification for extension of contract time without penalty.
7. In awarding new contracts, preference shall be given to tenders proposing to use labor-intensive techniques. The tenderers shall have the option to submit alternate proposals indicating clearly the alternative manpower and the equipment utilizations. The requirement of the minimum equipment ownership or lease may be waived in such cases.

This order takes effect immediately. Questions or clarifications about this order shall be brought to the attention of the Minister of Public Works for resolution.


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