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DEPARTMENT ORDER) SUBJECT: **Organization, Procedures, and Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Infrastructure Damaged by Mt. Pinatubo Eruptions**
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To provide for the effective implementation of the DPWH program for the rehabilitation of infrastructure damaged by the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo, the following instructions are hereby prescribed:

A. Organization

1. A Task Force for Mt. Pinatubo Rehabilitation Projects is hereby created in the Department with the following composition:
 - a. Director Vicente B. Lopez,
concurrently DPWH Action Officer
for Earthquake Rehabilitation - - - - Chairman
 - b. Director Marcos B. Kabiling,
Region III - - - - - Co-Chairman
 - c. Assistant Regional Directors, concerned
District Engineers, City Engineers,
Project Managers, Regional Equipment
Engineer, and Technical Division
Chiefs of Region III - - - - - Members
 - d. Other personnel that may be assigned
on detail upon approval by the
DPWH Secretary - - - - - Members
2. Under the said Task Force, a Sub-Task Force for River and Debris Flow Control Works is also hereby created headed by Director Antonio A. Alpasan, Project Manager for Flood Control and Drainage Projects, as Chairman, and composed of appropriate personnel from the Bureau of Design, the Bureau of Construction, the Planning Service, the Regional and District/City Offices, and other personnel, that may be assigned on detail upon approval by the Secretary. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Expert on Rivers assigned to the DPWH shall serve as an adviser of the Sub-Task Force.

B. Functions and Authorities

1. The Task Force shall be responsible for undertaking the DPWH operations for the rehabilitation of infrastructure damaged by the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions and their after effects.

2. The Task Force Chairman shall provide the overall direction and supervision of field operations in this rehabilitation program. He shall report to the DPWH Secretary thru the Undersecretary in charge of Mt. Pinatubo Rehabilitation Operations (Chairman of Infrastructure Committee, Task Force for Mt. Pinatubo), and shall have direct control and authority over the field implementing areas of Region III. For this purpose, he is authorized to enter into and approve contracts - after either public bidding or simplified bidding - for civil works, goods and services up to P10 million per contract, including variation orders, time extensions, and price escalation therefor. He is also authorized to approve plans, programs of work, and estimates for such projects, and to approve fund disbursements for the same based on approved contracts. The Task Force Co-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of these functions.
3. The Sub-Task Force for River and Debris Flow Control Works is responsible for the planning and implementation of structural and related non-structural measures to prevent or minimize the damage to infrastructure and to avoid loss of lives and properties that might be caused by the flow of water, lahar and other materials.
4. The regular implementing units of Region III shall be responsible for actual management of the rehabilitation works for specific projects. These include the District and City Engineers and the Project Managers. The District and City Engineers are authorized to approve plans, programs of work, and estimates, as well as fund disbursements, for projects costing not more than P3 million, to approve contracts for such projects after public bidding, and to supervise the implementation of projects, regardless of amount, as may be assigned by the Task Force Chairman.

C. Implementation Mode and Procurement Procedures

1. Implementation by Contract: Projects will generally be undertaken by contract, after either public bidding or simplified bidding or direct negotiation.
2. Force Account: Force account work by the DEO/CEO/PMO will be undertaken only in case of (a) small or scattered repair works costing not more than P1 million each which are impractical and/or unattractive to contract out, subject to the approval of the Task Force Chairman, (b) failure of bidding, (c) terminated/rescinded contracts, and (d) extreme emergency cases

where immediate action is needed to avoid loss of life and property.

3. **PBAC:** Bidding for civil works and goods will be administered by the Region III Prequalification, Bidding and Awards Committee (PBAC) for works/goods costing more than P3 million each, and by the DEO-PBAC for those costing less than or equal to P3 million each.
4. **P.D. No. 1594/IRR:** Bidding for civil works will follow the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), but the time durations for advertisement and receipt of bids shall be shortened to one-half those allowed in the IRR in view of the emergency nature of the projects.
5. **Clustering of Projects:** Bidding for small repair works such as reroofing of schoolbuildings shall as much as possible generally be clustered into larger packages of up to P3 million each to make them more attractive to contractors and to facilitate works supervision.
6. **Simplified Bidding:** For urgent works, especially those involving structural damage, imminent danger to life and property, significant social and economic losses, and where time is of the essence in project implementation, such as reroofing and reconstruction of schoolbuildings and markets, repair and reconstruction of bridges, and urgent river control works, the DPWH may adopt "simplified bidding" procedures whereby the Regional/District PBAC shall draw, by lot, three contractors from the overall list of prequalified contractors. The three selected contractors shall then be invited to submit their sealed bids for the project within 7-14 days. The contract shall be awarded to the contractor with the lowest complying bid.
7. **Direct Negotiation:** In the case of extremely urgent and/or complicated projects where time is of the essence, such as reconstruction of large heavily travelled bridges in danger of collapse, the Task Force may resort to direct negotiation with a prequalified contractor, subject to the approval of the DPWH Secretary.
8. **Engineering and Supervision:** The detailed engineering and supervision of the repair and reconstruction works shall be done by the concerned implementing unit (DEO/CEO/PMO).

9. **Use of Consultants:** Where necessary, the DPWH will engage qualified consultants to assist the Task Force and Sub-Task Force in the planning, engineering and construction supervision activities. The consultants shall be engaged either directly through negotiation or by the usual "shortlisting" process in accordance with the provisions of the approved NEDA Guidelines for Consulting Services.
10. **Use of Local Government Units (LGUs):** The DPWH may also authorize LGUs with adequate capabilities and track records in project management and contract administration to implement the project within their evaluated capacity.

This Order takes effect immediately.


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