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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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DEPARTMENT ORDER)

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SUBJECT: Directing that Contracts for Infrastructure, Consulting Services, and Goods and Services Procured by Regional and District Offices be Signed and Entered into by the Concerned Regional Directors and District Engineers as Contracting Parties

In line with the continuing efforts of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to streamline its operations, all contracts for infrastructure, consulting services, and goods and services procured by Regional and District Offices shall be entered into and signed by the concerned Regional Directors (RDs) and District Engineers (Des) as contracting parties in behalf of the DPWH, within the limits of their delegated procurement authorities, and without need for further contract approval, unless, otherwise required by an executive issuance and in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 (Government Procurement Reform Act) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) as reflected in the DPWH Procurement Manual (DPM).

This will replace the past practice of the Assistant Regional Directors (ARDs)/Assistant District Engineers (ADEs) acting as the contracting parties and the RDs/DEs acting as the contract approving authorities. Aside from reducing the processing time for contract perfection, this Department Order will enable the RDs/DEs to designate the ARDs/ADEs as Chairpersons of their Bids and Awards Committees (BACs) without giving rise to any conflict of interest since the ARDs/ADEs would no longer be the contracting parties.

It is understood that the RDs/DEs shall enter into and sign contracts on the basis of the approved BAC Resolutions for award in conformance with the provisions of RA 9184-IRR and the DPM.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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