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SUBJECT : Strict Compliance to Inclusion of Preparation of
Parcellary Plans and Cost Estimates for ROW
Acquisition in Detailed Engineering of Infrastructure
Projects

It has been observed that many Implementing Offices of the Department are not complying with Department Order No. 142, series of 1995, requiring that parcellary survey be undertaken during the detailed engineering stage of the project, resulting in the delay in the right-of-way acquisition and implementation of infrastructure projects.

Henceforth, Implementing Offices (Bureau of Construction and Regional/Project Management/District Offices) are strictly directed to undertake the conduct of parcellary surveys and preparation of parcellary plans together with the cost estimates for right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, right after the completion of the right-of-way plans during the preparation of the detailed engineering of the project. The guidelines set forth in D.O. 142 are hereby amended as follows:

1. The conduct of parcellary surveys and preparation of parcellary plans shall be supervised by registered Geodetic Engineers.
2. The conduct of parcellary surveys and approval of parcellary plans shall be undertaken by the implementing office. Hiring of private surveying firms may be allowed if said offices have no capability or available personnel to undertake the survey, subject to existing rules and regulations on hiring of consulting firms. The prosecution of survey work done by contract shall be in accordance with Department Order No. 147, series of 2001 and Memorandum dated 24 October 2001 of Undersecretary Edmundo V. Mir.
3. For the detailed engineering of projects to be undertaken by consultants, the conduct of geodetic engineering surveys which include parcellary surveys shall be undertaken by a licensed Geodetic Engineer pursuant to the provision of Republic Act No. 8560, otherwise known as the "Philippine Geodetic Engineering Act of 1998".

4. The cost of ROW acquisition based on parcellary plans shall be estimated and included in the total construction cost of the proposed project. For projects involving squatter relocation, the cost of development of identified relocation site and the estimated relocation cost shall be included as an item in the ROW acquisition.
5. Parcellary plans and related documents shall be submitted by the implementing office to the Land Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for approval. The implementing offices concerned shall also be responsible for securing the title(s) of acquired lands in favor of the government. The Legal Service in the Central Office shall be furnished copies of the titles.
6. Detailed Engineering plans submitted to the Central Office for approval shall be supported by a report on the status of the parcellary survey and plans of the project.
7. The procedures, guidelines and payments for the acquisition of ROW shall still be guided by the provisions of Republic Act No. 8974.

This order shall amend/modify other previous issuances inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately.


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