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DEPARTMENT ORDER INCREASING THE AUTHORITY OF SUBJECT: **DPWH REGIONAL DIRECTORS TO** APPROVE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR LEASE OF **EQUIPMENT TO DPWH**

In line with the policy of this Department to pursue greater decentralization in order to further build its absorptive capacity in the delivery of infrastructure services to the public and consistent with the recently increased limits of authorities of field officials to procure and implement infrastructure projects, DPWH Regional Directors are hereby authorized to approve contracts with private entities for the lease to the DPWH of equipment needed for the implementation of projects undertaken by administration for a period not exceeding sixty (60) calendar days.

The authority delegated herein shall only cover contracts for the lease of appropriate equipment that are urgently needed in the implementation of specific projects for which no similar equipment are operationally available from the existing fleet of equipment of the Department. The authority does not include approval of contracts for the lease of service vehicles.

It is understood that the exercise of this delegated authority is subject to existing laws, policies, rules and regulations. Splitting of contracts is strictly prohibited in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

This Order revokes Department Order No. 139, series of 1990, and supersedes other previous issuances inconsistent herewith.

This Order takes effect immediately.