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Purchase of vehicles thru contracts for locally-

funded projects

Foreign-assisted/funded infrastructure projects generally require the services of foreign consultants for contract supervision and involve a multi-year contract period for completion. For this reason, it is more economical to purchase vehicles for contract supervision from the project cost than to rent cars for this purpose.

Locally-funded infrastructure projects, on the other hand, generally require a contract period of less than one year to complete. For this reason, purchase of vehicles for contract supervision of these projects is not justified.

As a matter of policy, therefore, no vehicles for contract supervision shall be purchased thru contracts for locally-funded projects. To ensure strict enforcement of this policy, it is hereby directed that, henceforth, programs of work as well as contracts for locally-funded projects shall not include purchase of vehicles.

In cases, however, where a locally-funded project is of such magnitude that it will require a multi-year period of completion, the purchase of a vehicle for project supervision, chargeable against the contract cost, may be allowed, subject to the conditions that:

- Prior authority is secured from the Minister; and

- The corresponding contract, if within the approving authority of the Minister, shall be approved only by him.

This order shall take effect immediately.

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