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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: REACTIVATION, RECONSTITUTION  
AND RENAMING OF THE BUILDING  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
STAFF (BRDS)**

Pursuant to Section 202 of the National Building Code of the Philippines (PD 1096) authorizing the Secretary of Public Works and Highways to organize a professional staff to assist in the administration and implementation of the provisions of the National Building Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the BRDS is hereby reactivated and reconstituted and shall be renamed as the National Building Code Development Office (NBCDO). Its functions are as follows:

1. Assist the Secretary in carrying out the provisions of the National Building Code and the formulation of policies, plans, standards and guidelines on building design, construction, use, occupancy and maintenance.
2. Undertake continuing research and studies on building design, construction, use, occupancy and maintenance and keep an up-to-date data bank or library for same.
3. Review and evaluate the technical aspects of various referral codes including those for possible amendments which are not yet expressly made part of the Code but which may be submitted by concerned technical professional organizations accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission.
4. Review, evaluate and take final action on various technical problems forwarded to the Office of the Secretary for resolution/decision.
5. Assist the Administrative and Manpower Management Service in the conduct of National Building Code Seminars including the Accessibility Law (BP 344).
6. Coordinate with all concerned agencies, organizations and individuals in the implementation of the above functions.
7. Undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Secretary from time to time.

The NBCDO shall be placed under the Office of the Director, Bureau of Design. The technical and administrative staff of the NBCDO shall be composed of personnel to be detailed from the Bureau of Design and the Bureau of Research and Standards to be supplemented by personnel from the Bureau of Construction, Bureau of Maintenance, Legal Service and Internal Audit, and Project Management Offices. The organization of the NBCDO shall be submitted for the approval of the Secretary. The National Building Code Review Committee which was organized thru Special Order No. 1 dated 17 August 1990, including its Board of Consultants which was reconstituted thru Special Order No. 1 dated 27 December 1999, shall be integrated into the organization of the NBCDO.

Expenses to be incurred by the NBCDO shall be charged against any appropriate funds of the Department, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**GREGORIO R. VIGILAR**  
Secretary