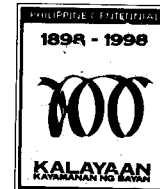




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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER)

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SUBJECT: Amendments to D.O. No. 218, Series of 2000, Re: Advertisement of Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid.

To provide utmost publicity and ensure greater transparency in the conduct of public bidding for the procurement of contracts for infrastructure projects to be implemented by the DPWH, and in line with the latest amendments of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D. No. 1594, Department Order No. 218, series of 2000, is hereby amended as follows:

1. For all infrastructure contracts, regardless of costs, which will be procured through public bidding by the DPWH Central Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), the Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid shall be advertised by the said BAC at least three (3) times, within a reasonable period but in no case less than fourteen (14) calendar days, in two (2) newspapers of general nationwide circulation selected through sealed canvass bidding.
2. For infrastructure contracts costing above P15 million up to P30 million, which will be procured through public bidding by the Regional BAC, the Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid shall be advertised by the said BAC in two (2) newspapers, one (1) of which shall be of general nationwide circulation, and the other of general circulation in the region where the project is located, at least two (2) times, within a reasonable period but in no case less than fourteen (14) calendar days. The newspaper of general nationwide circulation shall be one of the newspaper to be selected by the central BAC under item 1 above. The regional newspapers should have been regularly published in at least two (2) provinces for at least six (6) months before the date of advertisement and have a circulation of at least two thousand (2000) copies per day if the newspapers are issued daily or two thousand (2000) copies per week if the newspapers are issued once a week. The regional newspapers should have been selected through sealed canvass bidding.

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3. For infrastructure contracts costing P15 million or less, which will be procured through sealed canvass public bidding by the District BAC, the Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid shall be advertised by the said BAC for at least two (2) times within fourteen (14) calendar days in a newspaper of general local circulation in the province or city where the project is located, which has been regularly published for at least six (6) months before the date of advertisement and has a circulation of at least one thousand (1,000) copies per day in case the newspaper is issued daily or one thousand (1,000) copies per week, in case the newspaper issued once a week. The newspaper shall have been selected through sealed canvass bidding.
4. The advertisement rates (per column centimeter) of both regional and local (provincial/city) newspapers should not be more than the prevailing rates of newspapers of general nationwide circulation as determined by the Central Office through sealed canvass bidding.
5. In the case of advertisements of the Invitations to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid in the selected regional and local newspapers, the Implementing Office shall obtain from publishers a sworn statement that the Invitations to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid have been duly published in the given issues of the newspapers, for payment and record purposes.
6. In addition, during the period that the advertisement is published in the prescribed newspapers, the same advertisement shall be posted at the DPWH website. For this purpose, the Regional/District BAC shall send to the DPWH Central Bids and Awards Committee-Technical Working Group (BAC-TWG) a copy of the said advertisement at least ten (10) days before its publication in the newspapers, per Department Order No. 76, series of 2001. The same advertisement shall also be posted at places reserved for this purpose in the premises of the concerned DPWH implementing office.

This Order shall take effect immediately, and all other orders, circulars and memoranda or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked and/or modified accordingly.

For strict compliance.

  
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Secretary