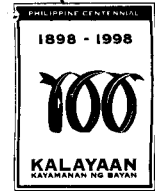




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**SUBJECT : AMENDING THE DELEGATION OF  
AUTHORITY FOR DPWH OFFICIALS TO  
APPROVE ENGINEERING PLANS**

In line with the decentralization policy of the government and in furtherance of the objective of this Department to establish an acceptable level of standards in the design, preparation of plans, specifications and related documents required for a more effective and expeditious implementation of infrastructure projects, the delegated authority of the officials of the Department to approve detailed engineering plans is hereby amended as follows:

**Limits of Authority**

Undersecretary for Design	-	Above P50,000,000.00 but not more than P 100,000,000.00
Director, Bureau of Design	-	Above P30,000,000.00 but not more than P 50,000,000.00
Regional Directors	-	Above P 10,000,000.00 but not more than P 30,000,000.00
District Engineers	-	Not more than P 10,000,000.00

For the improvement/construction of a particular project, Regional Offices (ROs) and District Engineering Offices (DEOs) are hereby directed to conduct detailed engineering survey and subsequently prepare engineering plans for the entirety of the project. Splitting of plans for the same project to suit the limit of authority should not be allowed. Furthermore, stage construction, if not considered in the approved plans, should not be implemented without prior consultation with the original Design Engineer and approval by the official who approved the original plans.

The above limits of authority of the Regional Directors and District Engineers may be increased subject to the recommendations of the Bureau of Design (BOD). BOD shall conduct periodic assessment of the quality of detailed engineering works and the in-house design capability of the Regional and District Offices.

The ROs and DEOs, prior to project implementation shall submit to BOD a detailed engineering report for each project whose plans are approved by the Regional Director/District Engineer for monitoring and assessment purposes. BOD shall prepare a standard format of the report to be used by the ROs and DEOs.

This Order supersedes previous issuances pertaining to delegation of authorities to officials of the Department and takes effect immediately.

  
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Secretary