



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
MANILA



01 September 1998

DEPARTMENT ORDER)

NO. 128)
SERIES OF 1998 9/2/98

- FOR/TO ALL:
- Undersecretaries
 - Assistant Secretaries
 - Bureau Directors
 - Regional Directors
 - Service Chiefs
 - Project Directors/Managers
 - District Engineers and
 - Chiefs of Attached Agencies
 - This Department

For information and guidance, attached is a copy of the MEMORANDUM dated August 25, 1998 signed by His Excellency, **PRESIDENT JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, directing that all government contracts in the amount of **FIFTY MILLION (P50.0 M.) PESOS** and above to be entered into by all departments, bureaus, offices, agencies of the government including government owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, shall first be submitted to the Office of the President through the Office of the Executive Secretary, copy furnished the Presidential Management Staff, for clearance and/or final approval.

Attached also is the Memorandum dated August 26, 1998 of the Honorable Executive Secretary enjoining compliance with the Memorandum of the President.

Henceforth, all contracts in the amount of P50.0 M. and above to be entered into by the various offices of this Department shall be submitted first to the DPWH Secretary for review/recommendation and transmittal to the Office of the President.

Strict compliance is enjoined.


TEODORO T. ENCARNACION
 Undersecretary
 OIC-DPWH

Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

August 26, 1998

MEMORANDUM

To : All heads of departments, bureaus, offices, agencies of the Government including government owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries.

I am transmitting to you herewith, for compliance, the memorandum dated August 25, 1998 signed by H.E. President Joseph Ejercito Estrada directing that all government contracts in the amount of FIFTY MILLION PESOS and above to be entered into by all departments, bureaus, offices, agencies of the government including government owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, shall first be submitted to the Office of the President through the Office of the Executive Secretary, copy furnished the Presidential Management Staff, for clearance and/or final approval.

Ronald B. Zamora
RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary

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Aurora T. Aquino
AURORA T. AQUINO
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MEMORANDUM FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO : All heads of departments, bureaus, offices, agencies of the Government including government owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries.

SUBJECT : Submission of contracts in the amount of Fifty Million and above.

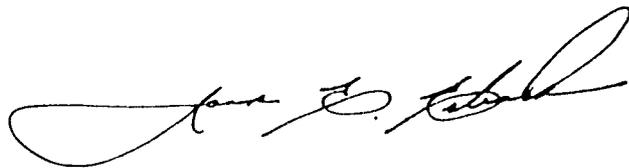
It has come to my attention that despite the precarious financial condition of the government as indicated by a large budget deficit and huge public sector debts, many government contracts are being approved and/or implemented without submitting the same for information, clearance and/or approval of the Office of the President.

This situation, if allowed to continue, will adversely affect the plans, programs and projections of the government to improve the present financial condition.

Henceforth and until further advice, all contracts in the amount of FIFTY MILLION and above to be entered into by all departments, bureaus, offices, agencies of the government including government owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, shall first be submitted to this Office through the Office of the Executive Secretary, copy furnished the Presidential Management Staff, to include all necessary supporting documents, project and feasibility studies, together with a memorandum summarizing the transactions involved.

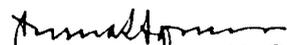
This memorandum takes effect immediately.

For strict compliance.



25 August 1998

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AURORA T. AQUINO
Director
Malacañang Records Office

9/21/98