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DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 137 Series of 2019 12.23.19

SUBJECT: DELEGATING TO THE CONCERNED UNDERSECRETARIES FOR OPERATIONS THE AUTHORITY TO CLUSTER OR DE-CLUSTER THE PROCUREMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

In line with Section 10 of the Special Provisions of the General Appropriations Act FY 2019 (RA 11260), the Department shall endeavor to cluster or de-cluster the procurement of infrastructure projects for cost efficiency and effective management with due compliance with R.A. 9184 and its IRR, the guidelines issued by the GPPB and all other applicable laws and regulations. With the de-clustering, the Department would be able to fast track the cash budgeting while in clustering, it can take advantage of the economies of scale which will ultimately redound to the benefit of the government.

Relative thereto, the function of the Secretary to perform such clustering or de-clustering in the procurement of infrastructure projects **is hereby delegated to the concerned Undersecretaries for Operations** subject to the recommendation of the Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Services.

The concerned Undersecretaries shall ensure that the clustering or de-clustering of the procurement of infrastructure projects is in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations. All other procedures of the Department in connection with the procurement of infrastructure projects shall be observed accordingly.

This Order supplements Department Order No. 192, series of 2016. The delegated authority granted to Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Bureau Directors, Service Directors, UPMO Clusters Directors, Regional Directors and District Engineers under existing Department Orders shall remain in force.

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