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SUBJECT:

CT: ADOPTION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE DESCRIBED UNDER DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 177, s. 1993 IN OECF-ASSISTED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN ONE (1) BILLION YEN.

In view of the approval of the Overseas Economic Cooperative Fund (OECF) of the proposal that the procurement procedure described under DPWH Dept. Order No. 177, s. 1993 be adopted in OECF-assisted infrastructure projects, it is directed that concerned Implementing Office apply said procedure subject to the following conditionalities:

- It can be applied only for any contract whose value is estimated to be less than ¥1 Billion (currently estimated to be about ₽ 240 Million).
- OECF concurrence shall be secured on the results of pregualification (PQ) for contract more than ¥ 500 Million.
- 3. The published Invitation to Prequalify and to Bid shall be extended to all countries and areas and copies should be promptly sent to their respective local representatives. It should be made clear that the Invitation is not limited to Contractors accredited by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB).
- 4. Sufficient time must be given for interested foreign contractors to secure the special license from the PCAB.
- 5. The fees charged for the PQ and bidding documents must be reasonable and reflect the cost of their production.
- 6. Administrative Order No. 129 dated 16 May 1994 on standard processing time for procurement will be strictly observed.

Henceforth, projects should be packaged large enough to at least allow bidding under D.O. #177 or even larger to be of interest to the bigger, foreign or local, contractors.

This Order applies to OECF-assisted projects only and shall take effect immediately.

GREGORIO VIGILAR Secretary