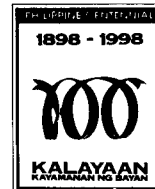


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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
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DEPARTMENT ORDER)

NO. **159**
SERIES OF 2000 *9.5.2000*

SUBJECT: REITERATION OF
DEPT. ORDER
NO. 8, SERIES
OF 1991

Sec. 2 of Republic Act 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials, provides that public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence and loyalty. Sec. 3(1) of the same RA 6713 provides that a conflict of interest arises when a public official or employee is a member of a board, an officer, or substantial stockholder of a private corporation or owner or has substantial interest in a business and the interest of such corporation or business, or his rights or duties therein, may be opposed to or affected by the faithful performance of official duty.

Therefore, in line with the declaration of policy in Sec. 2 of RA 6713, strict compliance to Department Order No. 8, Series of 1991, regarding the submission of a sworn statement by a contractor/bidder in its prequalification statement that he has no relative within the fourth civil degree of affinity or consanguinity in the DPWH who has something to do with prequalification, processing/approval of contract and/or project implementation and that no official/employee of the DPWH has direct or indirect interest, financial or otherwise in the firm, is hereby enjoined.

Relatives as mentioned herein include, among others, "bilas", "inso" and "balae", as provided in Sec. 3(k), RA 6713.

Non-compliance with the requirement shall be a ground for predisqualification and any false statement made in connection therewith shall subject the offender to such sanction as may be provided under existing laws, rules and regulations.

Any **DPWH** official/employee who is found guilty of abetting, consenting or conniving with a bidder in violating this Department Order shall suffer the penalty prescribed in Sec. 11 of RA 6713.

All bidders should be apprised of this requirement by incorporating the same in the instructions to bidders.

This Department Order shall apply to all civil works, supply and service contracts.


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