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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
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DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. **161**
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT : Preparation, Review, Evaluation,
and Interpretation of Contracts and
Other Legal Documents by various
Offices of the Department**

Pursuant to Section 6(b) and (c) Executive Order No. 124, Series of 1987, authorizing the Department to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out its objectives, policies and functions and in line with the Department's continuing effort to facilitate and simplify its processes, all project-related legal documents such as but not limited to contracts, supplemental agreements, variation orders, extension of time, time suspension and verification/validation and evaluation of performance securities, and other contracts with standard formats shall be prepared, reviewed, evaluated and interpreted by Regional Directors and District Engineers consistent with their delegated levels of authority.

All legal documents involving Right-of-Way transactions from the District Engineering Offices (DEOs) and Regional Offices (ROs) shall be prepared, reviewed, evaluated and interpreted by the Right-of-Way Acquisition and Legal Division (ROWALD) of the Regional Office.

The ROWALD shall also prepare, review, interpret and evaluate other legal documents as may be requested by the District Engineers and referred by the Regional Director.

The Legal Service shall act on legal documents referred by the Office of the Secretary; those Offices without legal officers; and those referred by the heads of Offices as they may see it deemed necessary due to the complexity of legal issues involved or warranted under the circumstances.

The heads of Offices shall ensure that the preparation, review, interpretation and evaluation of contracts are in accordance with Department policies and existing laws, rules and regulations.

Department Order No. 36, Series of 2022 and all other issuances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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