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

30 August 1990

Subject: <u>Submission of Contract</u> <u>Documents and Engineer's</u> <u>Cost Estimates to the</u> <u>Commission on Audit</u>

Following COA-DPWH discussions on certain issues raised by contractors during the last Construction Industry Congress, it is directed that the herein-below orders/instructions contained in earlier DPWH issuances are reiterated/amplified:

1. Copies of plans, specifications and other contract documents shall be submitted by the implementing office concerned to the COA immediately after they have been prepared but not later than their issuance to prospective bidders who had been prequalified to bid for the project.

2. Copies of the Direct Costs of the project (Engineer's Estimates) shall be submitted by the implementing office concerned to the COA immediately after its preparation but not later than the submission of the same to the DPWH official authorized to finalize and approve the Agency Estimate (AAE). It is reiterated that Direct Costs are to be calculated by the implementing offices and profits, mark-ups, etc., are to be determined by the DPWH official authorized to finalize and approve the resulting AAE. It is further reiterated that this submission of the Direct Cost finalize and approve the resulting AAE. It is further to be determined by the DPWH official authorized to finalize and approve the resulting AAE. It is further reiterated that this submission of the Direct Cost and the Direct Cost finalize to the approving official (DPWH) shall be not later than two weeks before the bidding date to allow proper review of the same.

3. Copies of approved contracts and other supporting documents which were not yet furnished the COA shall be submitted by the implementing office concerned immediately after perfection of the contracts but not later than five days thereafter.

The above instructions/orders are again being issued to allow COA to review and evaluate contract documents as soon as possible and eliminate any problems that will ensue later particularly disallowances by COA of contract prices which may be found to be unreasonable or excessive, and/or quantities of work items that may be overstated.

Compliance is strictly enjoined.

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