



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

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DEPARTMENT ORDER)

NO. 172

SUBJECT:

GUIDELINES IN THE PREPA RATION OF AGENCY ESTI-MATE FOR LOCALLY FUNDED AND FOREIGN — ASSISTED

PROJECTS

In consonance with the approved amendments to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D. 1594 as of 14 April 1992, the Department shall keep the Approved Agency Estimate (AAE) confidential until the opening of the bids.

The AAE shall be finalized on the day of the bidding after all bids have been received and shall be held confidential and signed, sealed, and ready for presentation on the day of the opening of the bids.

For projects to be bid in Central Office or simultaneously with the Regional Office, the agency estimate shall, with prior review by the Bureau of Construction, be submitted for approval by either the Undersecretary concerned or the Secretary as the case may be.

For projects to be bid in the Regional, District and City Offices, the agency estimate shall be approved by the concerned officials under their respective delegated authorities.

On the bidding date, and provided there are at least two (2) competing bidders, the AAE shall first be read and abstracted prior to the reading and abstracting of the bids of any tenderer.

The official who will finally approve the AAE (DE, RD, U/SEC, SECRETARY) may revise the sum total of the AAE as part of the judicious exercise to preserve its confidentiality. $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1$

Any unauthorized disclosure of the agency estimate shall be a ground for appropriate administrative and/or criminal action.

Department Order No. 115, Series of 1992 and all other Department Orders, Memoranda and Circulars inconsistent herewith are hereby modified or revoked.

This Order shall take effect immediate

Secretary