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SUBJECT: Implementation of ISO 9001:2015 Certification Requirement for Large "A", Medium "B", and Medium "A" Contractors in the Procurement of Infrastructure Projects of the Department

In line with the Department's commitment to its Quality Objective of providing quality, safe, and environment-friendly public infrastructure facilities aimed at improving the life of every Filipino, this Department Order is issued to ensure the utmost effectiveness and efficiency in public service, grounded in the endeavor to implement projects that adhere to international standards, determined through transparent and competitive bidding, delivered on schedule by competent and committed civil works contractors.

Recognizing the critical role of ISO 9001:2015 certification in achieving these objectives, the Department shall now mandate this Certification as part of the "project requirements" for contractors involved in the procurement of infrastructure projects. Notably, the Department required ISO 9000 Certification starting 2007 for Large "B" Contractors and in 2010 for "Large A", Medium "B", and Medium "A" Contractors through D.O. 31, series of 2007, and D.O. 49, series of 2010, respectively, which was later deferred for Large "A", Medium "B", and Medium "A" Contractors through D.O. 4, series of 2013 to provide said contractors sufficient time to obtain certification, reinforces the Department's commitment to continual improvement and adherence to all requirements.

Given the evolving challenges of modern construction and infrastructure development, it is imperative for the Department's contractors to swiftly adapt. Employing ISO 9001:2015 certified contractors is essential for maintaining confidence and trust in the quality and timeliness of the projects delivered by the Department.

Accordingly, all procuring entities within the Department are required to include ISO 9001:2015 certification, or its latest version as applicable, as part of the project requirements in the bidding documents for infrastructure projects. This requirement applies to bidders classified under the following Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) size range and are participating in the Department's procurement of infrastructure projects with Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) range, to wit:

PCAB Size Range	Allowable Range of Contract Cost (ARCC)	Effectivity
Large "A"	More than P300 Million but less than P450 Million	January 01, 2025
Medium "B"	More than P150 Million but less than P300 Million	July 01, 2025
Medium "A"	More than P30 Million but less than P150 Million	January 01, 2026

To promote competition and ensure a level playing field, in compliance with Administrative Order No. 44, series of 2021, which directs all National Government Agencies (NGAs) to adopt and implement the National Competition Policy, the ISO 9001:2015 Certification requirement shall become mandatory starting from Calendar Year (CY) 2025. This timeline allows non-ISO 9001:2015 certified contractors ample time to prepare for the certification process, reflecting the Department's commitment to pursue compliance, improvement, and timely delivery of projects while adhering to established international standards that significantly contribute to the welfare of every Filipino.

As for Large "B" contractors, ISO 9001:2015 Certification or its latest version shall continue to be required when participating in the bidding of infrastructure projects costing P300 Million and above as clarified through D.O. 01, series of 2011 until revoked or superseded.

Failure of the concerned DPWH personnel to implement the provisions of this Order shall, after due process, make them liable to penalties prescribed for violation of reasonable office rules and regulations in Rule 10, Administrative Offenses and Penalties of the 2017 Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (RACCS) dated 03 July 2017.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede D.O. No. 04, series of 2013, and all other issuances that are inconsistent with this Order.


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