

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 129, May 16, 1994]

DIRECTING THE ADOPTION AND OBSERVANCE OF STANDARD PROCESSING TIME IN THE BIDDING AND AWARD PROCESS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACTS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, it has been observed that one of the main causes of delays in the implementation of infrastructure projects of the National Government is the failure of Government Agencies to complete the bidding and award process for infrastructure and other construction works and consulting services contracts within specified time frames;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to streamline existing Government procedures in the implementation of infrastructure projects in order to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM) of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board is tasked under Section IB 10.11 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Presidential Decree No. 1594 to monitor, among others, the processing time used for each phase of the bidding process by concerned Government Agencies in civil work contracts involving costs of P10.0 million and above;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Processing Time for Each Phase of the Bidding and Award Process. - All Agencies of the National Government, including Government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and their instrumentalities, are hereby mandated to observe and adhere to the following time tables/deadlines relative to the conduct of the bidding and award process for infrastructure and other construction works and consulting services contracts:

a. Processing Times for Infrastructure and Other Construction Works Contracts

BIDDING/AWARD PHASE	DEADLINE/MAXIMUM PROCESSING TIME
- Completion of evaluation of contractor's prequalification statements	- Twenty-two (22) working days from the last date of submission of pre-qualification statements
- Completion of evaluation of bids and preparation of corresponding Resolution	- Twenty-two (22) working days from the date of

of Award by the PBAC	opening of bids.
- Approval/Disapproval by the appropriate approving authority of the Resolution of Award	- Twenty-two (22) working days from the date the evaluation of bids shall have been completed by the PBAC
- Issuance of the Notice of Award to the successful bidder	- Five (5) working days from the date of approval by the appropriate approving authority of the Resolution of Award
	- For foreign-assisted projects, the approved Resolution of Award shall be transmitted to the concerned foreign financial institution for concurrence as may be required under the related loan/grant/credit/aid agreement within five (5) working days from the date of approval thereof by the appropriate approving authority. Likewise, the Notice of Award shall be issued within five (5) working days from the date the concurrence of the concerned foreign financial institution shall have been secured/received
- Approval of the Contract by appropriate approving authority	- Ten (10) working days from the date the successful bidder or his duly authorized representative shall have executed/signed the contract with the concerned Government Agency/Office
- Issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP)	- Ten (10) working days from the date of approval of the contract by the appropriate approving authority
b. Processing times for Consulting Services Contracts	
Bidding/Award Phase	Deadline/Maximum
Processing Time	
- Completion of evaluation of technical proposals	- Thirty-three (33) working days after the closing date for the receipt of proposals indicated in the invitation to submit technical proposals
- Submission of results of the technical evaluation by the PEAC to the	- Five (5) working days after the evaluation of technical

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| <p>appropriate approving authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval/Disapproval by the appropriate approving authority of the results of evaluation - Notification and invitation by the PEAC of the selected consultant for negotiation | <p>proposals shall have been completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twenty-two (22) working days after submission by the PEAC of the results of evaluation - Five (5) working days after approval by the appropriate approving authority of the results of evaluation/selected consultant - For foreign-assisted projects, the results of the technical evaluation together with the criteria used shall be transmitted to the concerned foreign financial institution for concurrence as may be required under the related loan/grant/credit/aid agreement within five (5) working days from the date of approval thereof by the appropriate approving authority. Likewise, the notification and invitation by the PEAC of the selected consultant for negotiation shall be issued within five (5) working days from the date the concurrence of the concerned foreign financial institution shall have been secured/received |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of negotiation with any one consultant - Approval of the contract by appropriate approving authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fifteen (15) working days from date of start of negotiations - Fifteen (15) working days after completion of negotiations - For foreign-assisted projects, the proposed agreement shall be transmitted to the concerned foreign financial institution for concurrence as may be required under the related loan/ grant/ credit/aid agreement within fifteen (15) working days after completion of negotiations. Likewise, approval of the contract |