

Public Works Directives

In exercise of powers conferred by Rule 62 of the Financial Administration Regulation, 2056 (1999), His Majesty's Government has framed these Public Works Directives.

Preface

The Financial Administration Regulation, 2056 (FAR), recently updated in October 2001, provides the principal financial and administrative regulations governing projects undertaken by His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG/N). It was recognised that there are many other rules and regulations which apply to the technical aspects of public works, and Rule 62 of FAR requires that a manual of uniform procedures for public construction works and the use of consultant services be prepared. The Public Works Directives (PWD) have been prepared under Rule 62 of FAR. The PWD combine FAR and other rules and regulations of the Kingdom of Nepal on technical, social and environmental matters to provide a single source of procedures and reference documents for implementing public construction works.

The PWD have been prepared by the Ministry of Physical Planning and Works with the assistance of the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ministry of Local Development, the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, the Financial Comptroller General's Office (FCGO) and the National Planning Commission. Consultant services for the development of PWDs were provided under the Asian Development Bank Technical Assistance No. 3306-NEP Strengthening of Project Implementation Practices.

The PWD January 2002 edition is the result of development work which began in August 2000. A first draft was completed in April 2001 and distributed to a wide number of technical personnel in HMG/N for review and comment. This was followed by the formation of working groups of experienced HMG/N project personnel to review each chapter in detail and to suggest changes and improvements. Senior staff of FCGO reviewed the standard procurement documents. Comments and suggestions from HMG/N personnel have been incorporated into the present January 2002 edition.

The PWD are based upon a combination of (1) existing procedures and rules contained in FAR and other HMG/N laws and regulations, (2) actual practices in Nepal, (3) selected procedures from donor guidelines and (4) international best practices. The objective is to provide a set of understandable, effective, efficient and practical directives to the Kingdom of Nepal.

The PWD are intended for use of HMG/N's agencies in the implementation of central-level projects and district-level projects carried out by the regional/divisional/district offices of HMG/N. The PWD also incorporate procedures and procurement documents for implementing small projects and thus local bodies may benefit from adopting many of the contents of the PWD.

The PWD are also available in CD-ROM form, and may be viewed and downloaded from PWD website www.publicworksdirectives.gov.np

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