



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR : All National Government Agencies, Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, Other National Government Offices and Instrumentalities, and State Universities and Colleges

SUBJECT : Call for the Updating of the Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs) under the Build-Better-More Program

DATE : November 11, 2024

Action Requested. Concerned agencies and offices are invited to submit their respective list of projects proposed for addition, deletion, and/or updating in the existing list of IFPs.¹ Please be informed that purely private business undertakings, endorsed by concerned agencies, may now be considered for inclusion in the IFP list.

Background

1. The IFPs are game-changing, transformative, and urgently needed infrastructure projects of national significance that aim to showcase the overall Build-Better-More Program and highlight the efforts of the Government in pushing the infrastructure agenda of the Administration. The current list of IFPs consists of **186 priority projects** with an indicative total investment requirement of **PHP9,680.33 billion**.²
2. The formulation and updating of the IFP list are governed by the “*Revised Guidelines for the Formulation, Prioritization and Monitoring of the Government’s Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs)*” (**Attachment 1**), which ensures the alignment of the IFP portfolio to the priorities and strategies of the Administration as espoused in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda of the President. Likewise, the said Guidelines also aims to facilitate the processing, approval, financing, funding, and implementation of the identified flagship projects to ensure substantial implementation/completion by 2028.
3. During its 21st meeting on October 16, 2024, the NEDA Board confirmed the approval of the Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM) of the Revised IFP Guidelines, which incorporates the policy and criteria for the selection of purely

¹ Please refer to the current information in the IFP dashboard: <https://neda.gov.ph/infrastructure-flagship-projects/>.

² As of August 2024

private business undertakings for inclusion in the IFP List. With the said approval, the IFP list shall cover the following projects:

- a. National Government (NG)-funded infrastructure projects (i.e., locally-funded, Official Development Assistance);
 - b. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) infrastructure projects³; and
 - c. Purely private infrastructure undertakings⁴ that provide critical infrastructure and services.
4. As provided in the Revised IFP Guidelines, updating the IFP list (e.g., the inclusion and deletion of infrastructure projects) will be done yearly upon submission by concerned implementing agencies (IAs) of the required documents/information.
 5. For the 2025 updating period, please be guided by the attached calendar of activities (**Attachment 2**). We kindly request concerned IAs to submit the complete requirements for their priority projects for inclusion and deletion, relative to Section A of the Revised IFP Guidelines, **not later than December 6, 2024 (Friday)** to the INFRACOM Secretariat via electronic mail at: infracomsecretariat@neda.gov.ph.

Process for Updating the List of IFPs

6. *Inclusion of Projects*. IA's requests for addition in the IFP list should be formally endorsed through a letter, with justification, signed by the concerned Head of Agency and its respective Head of Parent Agency, as applicable.
 - a. For NG-funded and PPP infrastructure projects, the concerned IAs are reminded to submit their proposed projects in the Public Investment Program (PIP) and the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP), if applicable, via the Public Investment Program Online (PIPOL) system. Consistency in project details/information should be ensured across IFP, PIP, and TRIP submissions; and
 - b. For purely private undertakings, the endorsing IA shall be responsible for acquiring, verifying, and submitting to NEDA, through its Head and the Head of its Parent Agency, as applicable, the required information from the private sector entities (PSEs). It should be ensured that the endorsed purely private undertaking is within the mandate and/or the sector of the endorsing IA. Cases where multiple agencies disagree on who shall submit the purely private undertaking to NEDA and/or whether the project should be included/deleted from the list shall be elevated for the decision of the INFRACOM.
7. The endorsement letter should include a commitment from the IA and PSE, as applicable, to provide information on the status of the IFP on a monthly basis. Meanwhile, for NG-funded and PPP infrastructure projects, the concerned IA shall

³ This is in accordance with Republic Act No. 11966 or the PPP Code of the Philippines. This may also include unsolicited proposals or projects initiated by the private sector, provided that approval from the Approving Authority has already been secured.

⁴ This refers to infrastructure projects not involving any national government financing or assets and are being wholly constructed, operated, and owned by the private sector entity (PSE).

ensure top priority is accorded to the IFP, as applicable, in the agency's budget proposal submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

8. Please submit the required project information/details as provided in the *Project Inclusion Template (Attachment 3)*.
9. Deletion of Projects. For both NG-funded and purely private undertakings, the concerned IA, through its Head and the Head of its Parent Agency, as applicable, may also request for the deletion/exclusion of a project from the current IFP list, and propose projects for inclusion in the list. Such requests for deletions should cite justification/s for exclusion (e.g., issues concerning implementation readiness, viability, and social and environmental safeguards, among others).
10. For purely private undertakings, the PSE cannot request for the deletion of its project, except when it will no longer pursue the project. In such cases, the PSE shall submit its request to the INFRACOM, including the justification for deletion/exclusion, through the endorsing IA.
11. Please submit the required information in the *Project Deletion Template (Attachment 4)*.
12. Updating of Project Information. For projects currently included in the list of IFPs, concerned IAs are **requested to provide the annual and regional (if applicable) breakdowns** as required in the revised IFP Guidelines. Likewise, the IAs are requested to revalidate and/or further update the following project information:
 - a. project status/milestone;
 - b. changes in project timelines;
 - c. changes in scope and objectives;
 - d. updated total project cost (and corresponding annual and regional breakdown);
 - e. major bottlenecks and issues encountered; and
 - f. actions taken/to be taken to address said issues.
13. Please submit the updated project information as provided in the *Project Information Updating Template (Attachment 5)*.
14. Processing by the INFRACOM Secretariat. The INFRACOM Secretariat shall evaluate requests for addition of IFPs using a set of criteria as provided in the Revised IFP Guidelines. Likewise, requests for deletion shall be assessed based on the justification provided.
15. The INFRACOM Secretariat may also recommend to the INFRACOM the delisting of projects during the updating period of the IFP list under the following cases:
 - a. The IA has made no substantial progress for a year in developing and/or implementing the project based on updates submitted to NEDA;
 - b. The IA fails to include the project in its top priorities for the preparation of the annual proposed budget, as submitted to the DBM; or

- c. For purely private undertakings, the PSE fails to timely submit monitoring reports to NEDA for two consecutive quarters. The PSEs, whose private undertakings were delisted through this means, will be barred from submitting further projects for inclusion in the IFP list.

16. Approval by the INFRACOM. The INFRACOM Secretariat shall present the result of its evaluation and recommendations to the INFRACOM for endorsement/ approval and, subsequently, to the NEDA Board for confirmation.


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Attachments:

1. Revised Guidelines for the Formulation, Prioritization and Monitoring of the Government's IFPs
2. Calendar of Activities for the Updating of the Government's List of IFPs for 2025
3. Project Inclusion Template
4. Project Deletion Template
5. Project Information Updating Template