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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE AND MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 29 OF R.A. NO. 10601, STRENGTHENING OF THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING GROUPS OF LGUs

Section 29 of R.A. No. 10601, otherwise known as the Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization (AFMech) Law mandates the Local Government Units (LGUs) to strengthen their Agricultural Engineering Groups. These Agricultural Engineering Groups of the LGUs play a vital role in the implementation of the AFMech Law and the various DA agricultural and fisheries mechanization programs.

In view of this, a National Task Force to coordinate and monitor the implementation of Section 29 of R.A. No. 10601 is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Engr. Ariodear C. Rico PCAF-AFMeC Vice Chairperson
Co-Chairperson	:	Mr. Pablo De Castro DILG, BLGS
Members	:	Engr. Cristy Polido, DA-CAFED/BAFE Engr. Genaro Tolentino, PhilMech Engr. Juana T. Tapel, NMIS/PRC-BABE Engr. Rumelia de la Cruz, ATI Engr. Teresita Sandoval, BSWM Engr. Cirilo Namoc, DA-PRDP Engr. Francia Macalintal, PCAF Engr. Dennis Tactac, DA-RFO I Engr. Enrique Layola, DA-RFO IV-A Ms. Genevieve Bancaya, DA-OSec Representative of Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Representative of Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) Representatives of LGU Agricultural Engineering Division/Section at the Provincial, City and Municipal Levels
Secretariat	:	PCAF-PDCD-Strategic Concerns Section (SCS)

The Task Force shall perform the following functions:

1. Prepare an Action Plan for the strengthening of LGU Agricultural Engineering (AE Groups and coordinate its implementation;
2. Spearhead the inventory of LGUs with and without existing AE divisions/sections;
3. Gather and analyze issues that hamper the implementation of Sec. 29 of RA 10601 the Provincial and City/Municipal levels;

4. Prepare Capability Building Strategies of LGU Agricultural Engineering Groups and coordinate its implementation;
5. Coordinate the organization of a pool of resource persons at the regional levels to effectively explain, orient LGU officials on the need to strengthen LGU Agricultural Engineering Group per Section 29 of R.A. 10601; and
6. Conduct national and regional meetings/workshops to strengthen the LGUs' Agricultural Engineering Groups.

The PCAF shall provide secretariat support to the Task Force during its meetings and workshops.

The travelling expenses of the Task Force members from the private sector shall be shouldered by PCAF while those of the government sector shall be charged to their respective agencies.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary

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