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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE BOARD OF JUDGES (BOJ) AND THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (NTC) FOR THE CY 2021 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING RURAL WOMEN OR THE "GAWAD PARANGAL SA KATANGI-TANGING KABABAIHAN SA PAGSASAKA AT PANGISDAAN SA KANAYUNAN"

In the interest of service, the Board of Judges (BOJ) and the National Technical Committee (NTC) for the CY 2021 Department of Agriculture Search for Outstanding Rural Women or the "Gawad Parangal sa Katangi-tanging Kababaihan sa Pagsasaka at Pangisdaan sa Kanayunan", are hereby created in accordance with the Guidelines of the Search.

The **Board of Judges (BOJ)** shall deliberate on the merits of each nominee and select the winner/s based on the criteria of the Search. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : **Ms. Evelyn G. Laviña**
Undersecretary for High Value Crops and Rural Credit and
Chairperson, DA GAD Focal Point System


Members : **Ms. Sandra Sanchez-Montano**
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The **National Technical Committee (NTC)** shall conduct table evaluation of all the nominees from the DA Regional Field Offices (DA-RFOs) and provide technical inputs for the members of the BOJ in their deliberation. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : **Ms. Annray Villota Rivera**
Deputy Executive Director, Philippine Fiber Industry
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As such, the members of the BOJ and the NTC shall perform their respective roles in the Search, which aims to give due recognition to rural women who have shown excellence in their fields of endeavor, have made outstanding accomplishment in the development of the agriculture and fishery sectors, and have made significant impact in the lives of the people in the rural areas.

The DA Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS)/Directorate for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), which is spearheading the Search, shall ensure the success of this activity in line with the goal of the DA to recognize women and their contributions to society towards the achievement of gender equality and women empowerment as provided in RA No. 9710 otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN).

The expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the Search shall be charged to the GAD funds of the DA, including the Regional Field Offices (RFOs), Bureaus and Attached Agencies and Corporations concerned, subject to existing government accounting rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 20th day of October 2021.


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