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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE AWARDING CEREMONY FOR THE CY 2021 DA SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING RURAL WOMEN OR THE "GAWAD PARANGAL SA KATANGI-TANGING KABABAIHAN SA PAGSASAKA AT PANGISDAAN SA KANAYUNAN" ON DECEMBER 2, 2021

In the interest of service, the DA Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS)/ Directorate for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) is hereby authorized to spearhead the conduct of the awarding of this year's winners of the DA Search for Outstanding Rural Women on **December 2, 2021** at the **Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) Convention Hall in Quezon City, Metro Manila.**

The DA is conducting the Search as part of the DA's annual GAD Plan and Budget (GPB) in order to recognize the contribution of rural women to food production and economic development pursuant to the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) towards the achievement of gender equality and women empowerment.

Since 2003, the Search showcases the success stories of the awardees who have overcome the challenges of poverty, natural disasters or climate change, the recent COVID 19 pandemic and others. It also provides a glimpse of the impact of the services provided by the DA to empower rural women. Their stories are expected to inspire other rural women to emulate the strategies they employed and for DA Operating Units (OUs) and concerned government offices to continue providing support for rural women.

The national awardees are those chosen by the Board of Judges (BOJ) from among the twelve (12) regional winners based on the following criteria: 1) contribution to food security and/or agricultural development, 2) contribution to sustainable development, and 3) contribution to rural development.

The following officials and staff of the Department, the awardees and guests are hereby authorized to participate in the awarding ceremony

Regional Participants	Number
Regional	
Awardees	12
DA Regional Executive Directors (REDs)	15
DA GAD Focal Persons/Coordinators	15
Escorts of the Awardees	12
Sub-total	54

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Central Office Participants	Number
Board of Judges (BOJ)	7
Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)	4
Inter-Agency Committee on Rural Women (IACRW)	10
DA Officials	20
GFPS/Directorate for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)	12
GAD Focal Persons/Coordinators of DA Central Office Services, Bureaus, Attached Agencies, and Attached Corporations	60
Technical Support Personnel (BSWM, AFID, ICTS, etc.)	15
Sub-total	128
TOTAL	182

As such, the DA GFPS/GESI is authorized to facilitate the provision/payment for the following: 1) food for on-site participants, 2) lease of venue for the BSWM and for the hotel accommodation with food for regional participants, 3) prizes for the awardees as indicated in the Search Guidelines, and 4) other related expenses.

The expenses to be incurred shall be chargeable against the GAD funds of the DA, including the DA RFOs, Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Attached Corporations subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the event. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 22nd day of October 2021.

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Secretary

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