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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE HYBRID RICE CLUSTER AWARDS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

In the exigency of service and to facilitate the implementation of the Top Hybrid Rice Cluster Awards, a Technical Working Group is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

I. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Chairperson	:	Undersecretary for Operations
Co-Chairperson	:	<i>Representative, ATI</i>
Members	:	<i>Representative, Philippine Integrated Rice Program</i> <i>Representative, Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation (F2C2)</i> <i>Representative, Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice)</i> <i>Representative, Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)</i> <i>Representative, Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech)</i> <i>Regional Executive Director, DA-RFO</i> <i>Representative, Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID)</i> <i>Representative, Rice Board</i>

The TWG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Draft the implementing guidelines of the hybrid rice cluster awards;
2. Establish a clear matrix/criteria for the selection of top hybrid rice clusters;
3. Recommend appropriate awards to selected clusters;
4. Invite industry experts, government dignitaries, and other relevant individuals to serve as panel of judges;
5. Submit necessary reports and updates to the Office of Secretary; and
6. Assess/monitor the status of the project implementation.



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II. SECRETARIAT

Chairman : Chief, FPOPD
Members : *Representatives*, FPOPD
Representatives, FPCMD

The Secretariat shall have the following duties:

1. Coordinate all meetings related to Hybrid Rice Cluster Awards;
2. Assist the TWG in the conduct of evaluation and site validation;
3. Prepare all proceedings of the meetings and other related inputs;
4. Manage and keep all documents of the projects; and
5. Provide other forms of assistance relevant to the project.

III. REGIONAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Chairman : Regional Executive Director/Regional Technical Director,
DA-RFO
Co-Chairman : *Director*, ATI Regional Training Center
Members : *Chief*, Field Operations Division
Focal Person, Regional Rice Program
Regional Seed Coordinator
Focal Person, Regional Farm and Fisheries Clustering and
Consolidation (F2C2)
Chairman, Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Council
Representatives, Regional Rice Board

The Regional Search Committee shall have the following duties:

1. Assess the top performing hybrid rice cluster farms in their respective regions;
2. Select 5 hybrid rice cluster farms as nominees for the region;
3. Evaluate the nominated hybrid rice cluster farms based on the number of years the cluster farm members have been growing rice and their track record in championing/promoting hybrid rice;
4. Conduct field validation to the hybrid rice cluster farms; and
5. Nominate to the Technical Working Group/National Executive Committee their evaluation for further consideration.

Expenses to be incurred for the activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks shall be charged against the funds of their respective offices subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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This Order shall take immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 18th day of April 2022.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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