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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 543  
Series of 2022

**SUBJECT: CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TASKED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEARCH FOR THE BEST URBAN AGRICULTURE GARDEN IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

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In the exigency of service and as part of its policy direction to increase food production and sustainability of the National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP) implementation, through giving awards and incentives for the best urban agriculture (UA) garden in the National Capital Region, a Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created.

The Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be composed of the following:

- **Chairperson – GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, MPM**  
Director, NUPAP
- **Members:**
  - Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) representative and one (1) alternate representative
  - Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) representative and one (1) alternate representative
  - High-Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) representative and one (1) alternate representative
  - National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP)

The roles and responsibilities of the TWG are as follows:

- **Chairperson**
  - Acts as the overall lead of the TWG;
  - Endorses the selected awardees to the DA Secretary or the Chief of Staff; and
  - Supervises and manages TWG meetings and other relevant activities.
- **Members**
  - Conduct monitoring and validation of the urban agriculture garden entries submitted by the Local Government Units and other partners/parties;
  - Provide documentation during the conduct of the activities; and
  - Prepare the initial drafts to final drafts of the necessary documents, notices of meetings, and other technical documents.

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All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the various activities of the TWG shall be chargeable against their respective offices, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 2nd day of August 2022.

**LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN, Ph.D., CESO I**  
Undersecretary for Operations and Chief of Staff



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