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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE
CLUSTER RICE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WORKSHOPS
(RTTW)**

Since rice is essential to food security, affordable rice is one of the top priorities of the current administration. Anent this, the Department will pursue a Masagana Rice Program managed by the Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development.

Along with this, the DA-National Rice Program shall conduct a series of workshops with the DA-RFOs on a per cluster basis to intensify the mobilization and scaling of smart technology to follow the four-point rice program strategy: (1) increasing rice productivity by optimizing yields, reducing risk, and increasing resilience through climate change adaptation measures; (2) achieving economies of scale, more efficient operations, and agribusiness through farm clustering and consolidation; (3) quickly implementing digital transformation for rice agriculture; and (4) reorienting the rice program towards a comprehensive "Triple A" approach (i.e., agricultural production, agribusiness, and agritourism), to increase domestic rice production and aid in the modernization of Philippine rice agriculture.

Additionally, it will improve DA-LGU-private sector ties and the "pull" aspect of technology usage in order to advance the Masagana Rice Program.

The activity aims to:

1. Present and discuss available technologies on modern rice farming and across value chains that are readily available for adoption at the cluster level;
2. Provide an avenue for network establishment and technology marketplace; and
3. Forge strong public-private partnerships through consultations and preparation of recommendations for policy improvement or project implementation.

The cluster-wide workshops will be conducted on the following dates and venues:

| Cluster | Regions | Adjusted dates | Venue | Budgetary Requirements | No. of Pax |
|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| Mindanao B | XII, XIII, BARMM | June 1-3, 2023 | Butuan City | P1.5M | 180 |
| Luzon B | IVA, IVB, V | June 6-8, 2023 | Legazpi City | P1.5M | 200 |
| Visayas | VI, VII, VIII | June 13-15, 2023 | Iloilo City | P1.5M | 200 |
| Mindanao A | IX, X, XI | June 20-22, 2023 | Davao City | P1.5M | 200 |
| Luzon A | CAR, I, II, III | June 26-28, 2023 | Cauayan City | P2M | 250 |

Based on the above-mentioned dates, the following offices shall send delegates and/or representatives to the activities:

| Office | No. of Participants |
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| Office of the Undersecretary for Rice of Industry Development | 4 |
| Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations | 2 |
| National Rice Program (NRP) Secretariat & Consultants | 8 |
| Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) | 2 |
| Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) | 1 |
| Climate Resilient Agriculture Office (CRAO) | 1 |
| National Irrigation Administration (NIA) | 1 |
| Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) | 5 |
| Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) | 1 |
| Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) | 3 |
| Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and | 1 |



| Office | No. of Participants |
|---|---------------------|
| Mechanization (PHilMech) | |
| Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation Program (F2C2) | 1 |
| Province-led Agriculture & Fisheries Extension Systems (TWG-PAFES) | 1 |
| National Food Authority (NFA) | 1 |
| Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) | 5 |
| International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) | 8 |
| Rice Board | 3 |
| Regional Delegation | |
| DA-Regional Field Office | 5 |
| Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Council (RAFC) Chair or Rice Sectoral Representative | 1 |
| Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council (PAFC) Chair or Rice Sectoral Representative (per province) | 1 |
| Provincial Agriculturist (per province) | 1 |
| Municipal Agriculturists (3 per province) | 3 |
| State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) | 1 |
| Farmer-Leaders from Irrigators' Associations (IAs), Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs), and Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organizations (ARBOs) | 10 |
| Agricultural Program Coordinating Office | 2 |
| ATI-Regional Training Center (RTC) | |
| Regional NIA Representative | 1 |
| Regional NFA Representative | 1 |
| Regional Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Representative | 1 |
| Regional Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) Representative | 1 |
| Host Regional Secretariat | 5 |




| Office | No. of Participants |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Host ATI - RTC Secretariat | 5 |

Any changes or addition to the list of above-mentioned participants, as long as the regional delegation is well represented by the industry stakeholders, the participating region headed by the DA-Regional Executive Director should coordinate with the host DA-RFO.

All participants and facilitating offices shall follow the health and safety protocols stipulated in the IATF guidelines. Thus, offices are hereby instructed to strictly follow the allocated number of participants.

Traveling expenses and per diems of participants shall be charged against their respective offices. Payment for the venue/training facilities, food, accommodation, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the funds of the Rice Program of the Agricultural Training Institute and Regional Field Offices, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 11 day of MAY 2023.


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