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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) FOR THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. (MBFI) PLEDGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In support of the priority development agenda of the Philippine Government for the agriculture sector, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) has pledged Php 25 million to the Department of Agriculture-Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS) for the establishment of an onion cold storage facility.

A Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created to provide guidance and expertise to ensure proper implementation of the proposed project. The TWG shall be composed of officials/personnel from the following DA Operating Units and Banner Programs.

Chairperson : **ENGR. ROGER V. NAVARRO**
OIC, Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

Vice-Chairperson : **JUNIBERT E. DE SAGUN**
Director, Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service

The heads of the following offices, with designated alternate members, shall constitute members of the TWG:

DA Central Office :

1. Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)
2. Field Operations Services (FOS)
3. High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP)
4. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
5. Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE)

DA RFOs I, III, IVB :

1. Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD)
2. Field Operations Division (FOD)
3. Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (RAED)

The TWG shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Facilitate the preparation of a proposal for endorsement by the Office of the Secretary to the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. for funding.
- Provide technical inputs, advice, and recommendations regarding the proposed establishment of an onion cold storage facility to be funded by MBFI;

- Provide relevant data and facilitate sharing of information, including best practices, lessons learned, and research findings related to the proposed project;
- Ensure coherence in the linkages of project activities with other similar initiatives implemented by the government, non-government, and private sector agencies; and
- Perform other tasks as deemed essential and mutually agreed upon by the TWG.

The TWG shall report directly to the Secretary of the Department. Further, the TWG may invite representatives from other DA agencies/offices during its meetings as deemed necessary.

The TWG will be supported by the designated technical support staff from AMAS, HVCDP, and BAFE. The Secretariat shall be spearheaded by the AMAS.

The designated representatives from the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. shall serve as a resource person for the project.

The funding for the implementation of the onion cold storage facility shall be sourced from the Pledge of the MBFI, the current budget allocation of the respective agencies/offices, and other available sources of funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Reimbursement and/or payment of transportation fees, per diem, food, accommodations, and other expenses to be incurred for the activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks shall be chargeable against the respective offices of the TWG members, subject to 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 16th day of November 2023.

FRANCISCO TIU LAUREL, JR.

Secretary



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