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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF COMMITTEES FOR THE 2024 SEARCH FOR
THE BEST URBAN AND PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE GARDEN**

To ensure the smooth conduct of the 2024 Search for The Best Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Garden, the following committees are hereby created:

A. National Steering Committee (NStC)

The NStC shall be composed of members from the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), High-Value Crops Development Program (DA-HVCDP), National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (DA-NUPAP), Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI), Field Operations Service (DA-FOS) and Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI), as follows:

Chairperson : Cheryl Marie Natividad- Caballero
DA Undersecretary for HVCDP

Vice Chairpersons : Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban, Ph.D.
Director, DA-BPI, DA-HVCDP, and DA-NUPAP

Remelyn R. Recoter, MNSA, CESO III
Director, DA-ATI

Lorna Belinda L. Calda
Officer-in-Charge-Director, FOS

Members : Constante J. Palabrica, DVM
OIC-Director, DA-BAI

Antonieta J. Arceo
Assistant Director, DA-ATI

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Assistant Director for Research, Development, and
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Christopher S. Cruz
OIC Division Chief, BPI-CRPSD

Elaiza Nicole S. Dotimas
OIC Division Chief, BPI-AED

The NStC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Oversee and lead the Search for the Best Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Garden at the national level;
2. Convene meetings as necessary to discuss updates and matters related to the search;
3. Validate the process conducted by the National Search Committee in their evaluation and selection of endorsed nominees if in accordance with the criteria and guidelines set thereof;
4. Select the national winners per category; and
5. Endorse the National winners per category to the Secretary for approval.

B. National Search Committee (NSeC)

The NSeC shall be composed of members from the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), High-Value Crops Development Program (DA-HVCDP), National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (DA-NUPAP), Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI), Field Operations Service (DA-FOS), Agriculture and Fishery Information Division (DA-AFID) and Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI), as follows:

Chairperson	:	Ms. Antonieta J. Arceo, DA-ATI
Vice Chairpersons	:	Mr. Carl Vincent D. Gapasin, DA-BPI Ms. Hazel Joy M. Gusi, DA-BPI
Members	:	Luzon Cluster Ms. Sherrie C. Dreje, DA-ATI Ms. Kristine Angeli A. Valdez, DA-BPI Ms. Aianne Mae T. Rey, DA-NUPAP Engr. Shein B. Gomez, DA-NUPAP Ms. Veronica A. Lopez, DA-NUPAP Mr. Aaron Paul E. Constantino, DA-NUPAP Mr. Osmundo D. Villanueva Jr., DA-NUPAP Mr. Jovan Olaguer, DA-BAI Ms. Bethzaida Sarian, DA-AFID Ms. Pamela Ruth Aciaga, DA-AFID Representative, DA-FOS Visayas Cluster Mr. Jomar O. Tabor, DA-ATI Ms. Karen G. Estrella, DA-NUPAP Engr. Julius Harris A. Familara, DA-NUPAP Ms. Daniela Mari S. Superal, DA-NUPAP Ms. Maurene D. Gracela, DA-NUPAP Mr. Ramon Bong C. Alcachupas, DA-NUPAP

Mr. Mark Kenneth M. Sierra, BPI-AED
Ms. Bethzaida Sarian, DA-AFID
Ms. Pamela Ruth Aciaga, DA-AFID
Representative, DA-FOS

Mindanao Cluster

Mr. Justin Paolo D. Interno, DA-ATI
Ms. Lermarie S. Bautista, DA-BPI
Ms. Rosevee V. Patino, DA-NUPAP
Ms. Philline Alexa H. Yap, DA-NUPAP
Ms. Veronica Sophia P. Realubit, DA-NUPAP
Mr. Ezekiel March E. Unating, DA-NUPAP
Dr. Rene C. Santiago, DA-BAI
Ms. Bethzaida Sarian, DA-AFID
Ms. Pamela Ruth Aciaga, DA-AFID
Representative, DA-FOS

The NSeC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Conduct a review of the documents of the regional winners per category;
2. Review the validation report prepared by the Regional Search Committee on the regional winners;
3. Conduct interviews with the regional winners, if needed; and
4. Evaluate and select the winners among the regional winners per category for endorsement to the NStC.

C. Regional Steering Committee (RStC)

The NStC shall be composed of members from the Agricultural Training Institute, NUPAP, Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI), Field Operations Service (DA-FOS) and Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI), as follows:

Chairperson : DA Regional Executive Director

Vice Chairperson : Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) Center Director

Members : DA-ATI Asst. Center Director/Chief, Partnership Accreditation Section, ATI-RTC
Chief, Field Operations Division, DA-RFO
Chief, Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Section, DA-RFO



The RStC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Oversee and lead the Search for the Search for the Best Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Garden at the regional level;
2. Convene meetings as necessary to discuss updates and matters related to the search;
3. Validate the process conducted by the Regional Search Committee in their evaluation and selection of endorsed nominees if following the criteria and guidelines set thereof; and
4. Select the regional winners per category.

D. Regional Search Committee (RSeC)

ATI Regional Training Centers (RTC), and DA Regional Field Offices (RFO), shall spearhead the formation of the RSeC, including its Secretariat. Members of each RSeC shall be as follows:

Chairperson : DA-ATI Asst Center Directors
Members : DA-NUPAP Program Focals, DA-RFO and ATI-RTC
DA-HVCDP Program Focals, DA-RFO, and ATI-RTC
Livestock Program Focals, DA-RFO, and ATI-RTC


The RSeC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Accept applications and nominations per category for the awards;
2. Review the completeness of the documents submitted;
3. Conduct face-to-face, phone, or online interviews with the nominees;
4. Consult and coordinate with relevant organizations and individuals that could provide credible information on the nominees;
5. Prepare validation reports per nominees; and
6. Evaluate and rank regional winners per category for endorsement to the RStC

Expenses such as travel expenses, per diem, and incidental expenses to be incurred by the committee members shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective offices, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 7th day of JUNE, 2024.


FRANCISCO P. TIUL LAUREL JR.
Secretary



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