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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE, PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS OF SWINE INDUSTRY RECOVERY PROJECT (SIRP) OF FY 2025

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has been allocated funds under the FY 2024 Locally Funded Projects (LFPs) to implement the Swine Industry Recovery Project (SIRP). The SIRP, under the DA's direction, aims to restore and revitalize the swine industry in the Philippines, which has been severely impacted by the African Swine Fever (ASF) epidemic and other challenges in recent years. With a total budget of 1.25 billion pesos, funded through the FY 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA) under the LFPs, the project seeks to strengthen the industry by enhancing biosecurity measures, modernizing farm infrastructure, improving genetic quality, and expanding market access.

This project involves a broad range of stakeholders, including smallholder farmers, cooperatives, commercial breeders, and at-risk agricultural communities, providing tailored assistance to restore, modernize, and sustain swine production across the country. The allocated funds will be distributed to various livestock agencies and operational units under the guidance of the Undersecretary for Livestock.

In the interest of service and to ensure the proper and successful implementation of the aforementioned Swine Industry Recovery Project (SIRP), a Project Steering Committee, Project Management Office, and Technical Working Group are hereby created to be composed of the following:

I. PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC)

A. Composition

Chairperson: **DR. CONSTANTE J. PALABRICA**
Undersecretary- Designate for Livestock

Vice-Chairpersons: **DR. BENJAMIN C. ALBARECE**
Assistant Secretary for Ruminant Livestock

Members: **DR. JONATHAN V. SABINIANO**, Director, NLP
ANGELITA D. MARTIR, Chief, SPCMAD
DIOSAMIA M. SEVILLA, OIC-Director, BAI
ENGR. REMELYN R. RECOTER, Director, ATI
DR. RUTH S. MICALAT SONACO, Center Director, ATI- ITCPH

B. Duties and Responsibilities

1. Initiate crafting and finalization of project documents to facilitate implementation that include internal and supplemental guidelines and procedures subject to the review and approval of the Secretary, template proposals, template MOA, procurement details, and other related enabling requirements as directed by the PSC;
2. Coordinate with relevant offices for the dissemination of information about the SIRP that includes, but not limited to call for application, updates of implementation, and other vital processes;
3. Ensure the proper processing of SIRP funds in various agencies and operating units, including the utilization, procurement, transfer of funds, among others;
4. Conduct monitoring of implementation of the SIRP;
5. Prepare and submit periodic reports on the progress of the SIRP to the PSC; and
6. Keep regular project data platform that keeps track of the progress of application, budget utilization, physical accomplishment, and other relevant information for the purpose of transparency and usual reporting lines requirement

III. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

A. Composition

Swine Industry Recovery Project Sub-group:

RENE C. SANTIAGO, DVM, MSc., Agricultural Center Chief IV, BAI-NSPRDC

JACKIELYN B. GARLET, Planning Officer II, ATI-ITCPH

ROSE ANN F. MAGNAYE, Agriculturist II, BAI-NSPRDC

MARIA LAARNI P. CERNA, Supervising Science Research Specialist, BAI-LRDD

LIVESTOCK PROGRAM COORDINATORS, All Regional Field Offices

B. Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Undertake administrative management of the project.
2. Facilitate the procurement activities and fund utilization as determined by the project documents and work and financial plans.
3. Receive and evaluate project applicants by reviewing the submitted proposals, conduct initial paper evaluation.
4. Communicate with applicants regarding the project processes.
5. Conduct field or site validation with partner agencies, CSO groups, and RFOs whenever necessary or indicated in the requirements.
6. Recommend short-list of applicants that passed the selection criteria for the approval of the PSC;
7. Recommend appropriate actions to the PMO to address issues and problems concerning the SIRP;
8. Recommend standard criteria and specifications of breeders of animals to be procured under the components of the SIRP to the PMO and PSC;
9. Ensure proper selection and the quality of animals under the project
10. Ensure compliance to regulatory requirements and other legal and administrative matters related to the procurement of animals;
11. Facilitate delivery of interventions to the beneficiaries.
12. Provide regular reports on the progress of the Project and implementation updates to the DA management.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

1. Set overall direction to the implementation of the Swine Industry Recovery Project (SIRP);
2. Assess the activities and accomplishments related to the implementation of SIRP;
3. Recommend policies and other issuances that would improve and facilitate the implementation of the project;
4. Review and approve project documents endorsed by the PMO and TWG;
5. Report project updates and progress to DA management;
6. Establish support linkages and coordination with other agencies and institutions for the successful implementation of the project; and
7. Oversee the entire implementation process.

II. PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO)

A. Composition

Chairperson: **DR. JONATHAN V. SABINIANO**, Director, NLP
Vice Chairpersons: **ALVIN PAUL J. DIRAIN**, Deputy Director, NLP
DR. OSCAR JHAN D. CABAYANAN OIC Assistant Director, BAI

Members: **NORBERTO E. ERGINA, JR.**, Budget Officer, OUSL
FORTUNATO P. INES, Administrative Assistant III, OUSL
MARIA LAARNI P. CERNA, Supervising SRS, BAI
LOLITA M. JUMALON, OIC Planning Officer, BAI
AURA N. LUMABAS, DVM, NLP Coordinator, BAI
ENGR. SARAH MAE C. PEJANA, Engineer I, ATI-ITCPH

Support and Monitoring Staff:

JENNIFER M. BRIQUILLO, Administrative Assistant V, OASP
ARIEL T. SALUDARIO, Budget Officer II, NLP
ROSEVEE V. PATIÑO, Planning Officer III, NLP
RYAN DAVE CALVENTAS, Project Development Officer II, NLP
GIAN CARLO S. MARTINEZ, Project Evaluation Officer I, NLP
AGRIPINA P. BRIONES, Administrative Officer V, BAI
JOVAN L. OLAGUER, Agriculturist I, BAI
JOAN N. OCBINA, Project Evaluation Officer II, BAI
JACKIELYN B. GARLET, Admin Officer IV, ITCPH




13. Ensure the proper utilization of funds and delivery of intervention.

All traveling, administrative, monitoring, and other expenses incurred by the herein designated officials and staff in the performance of their duties, shall be chargeable to their respective agencies or to the National Livestock Program.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. In case of change in management and personnel, officials and staff who assume the agency or program positions shall likewise assume the designations indicated in this Order.

Done this 10th day of JANUARY 2025.


FRANCISCO P. TIUA LAUREL JR.
Secretary

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