



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 839

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT
FUND NATIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATING TEAM (RCEF-NPCT)**

In support to the implementation of Republic Act 11203, "An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and for Other Purposes", specifically Section 13 - Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), an RCEF-National Program Coordinating Team (NPCT) shall be created.

The RCEF- NPCT shall manage the overall planning, operationalization, and integration of activities/interventions for all RCEF components - seed, mechanization, credit, and extension services.

The NPCT shall be composed of the following:

Team Leader:

Engr. Roy M. Abaya, FOS

Co-Team Leader:

Mr. U-Nichols Manalo, FOS-SPCMAD

Team Members:

Engr. Christopher V. Morales, FOS-FPOPD

Dr. Flordeliza H. Bordey, PhilRice

Mr. Ruel Gesmundo, BPI-NSQCS

Engr. Junel Soriano, PhilMech

Dr. Rosana P. Mula, ATI

Ms. Miriam Cornelio, FMS

Ms. Karen Marte, PMS-MED

Ms. Rallen Verdadero, DBP

Mr. Edgardo Luzano, LBP

Ms. Myriam G. Layaoen, OSEC

Monitoring Unit:

Unit Leader: Alberto D. Ocampo, Jr.

Seed: Vener L. Dilig, Glenn DC Estrada,

Angelita D. Martir

Mechanization: Engr. Vincent DG. Chua,

Engr. Ronald Gregory L. Roces,

Engr. Mark Lester R. Red

Extension: Emerson S. Yago, Maria Dyan

Isabelle I. Sandoval, Byron M. Gadiano

Credit: Ralph Alan C. Ceniza, Bathsheba P.

Aparilla, Princess Jayne G. Pacheco

M&E Focal Person of each RCEF Component

(PhilMech, PhilRice, BPI, ATI, TESDA, LBP, and DBP)



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Secretariat:

Krizia Mae D. Palma
Veejay Ruth C. Dayandayan
Maria Eunice M. Gonzales

FUNCTIONS:

A. The RCEF-NPCT shall:

- Coordinate joint planning and implementation of the RCEF program components and its complementation with the National Rice Program;
- Coordinate the planning of integrated utilization of the fund in excess of the Php10B tariff revenue as provided in RA 11203
- Facilitate the identification of areas for convergence among RCEF component programs;
- Provide consolidated updates and reports to the DA Secretary, through the Undersecretary for Operations;
- Guide and harmonize the media and communication initiatives on RCEF in coordination with the Office of the Spokesperson; and
- Assist in the overall RCEF technical, financial, and administrative management.

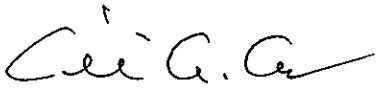
B. The RCEF NPCT Secretariat shall:

- Consolidate the annual work and financial plan and accomplishments submitted by the RCEF Implementing Agencies;
- Coordinate with the RCEF NPCT for RCEF-related activities;
- Provide logistics support and coordination for RCEF-NPCT activities; and
- Prepare general RCEF documents/correspondence.

Further, through this Special Order, the RCEF-NPCT will hire additional Contract of Service (COS) specifically one (1) Development Management Officer III, four (4) Development Management Officer II, two (2) Development Management Officer I, and one (1) Administrative Assistant II chargeable against the RCEF fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force unless revoked in writing.

Done this 26 day of September 2019.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
DA-Acting Secretary 