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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on April 15, 2024 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison

**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 423-2024**

**AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN AN IMPLEMENTATION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IMA) AND OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT-WORLD BANK (DA-PRDP-WB) AND ITS NEWLY AUTHORIZED DA OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS RATIFYING THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION GRANTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT HEREIN REPRESENTED BY HONORABLE GOVERNOR, RAMON V. GUICO III, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTED BY NEWLY-AUTHORIZED DA OFFICIALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROVINCIAL WAREHOUSE WITH MULTI-PURPOSE DRYING PAVEMENT IN STA. BARBARA (PRDP-SU-IB-R001-PAN-005-000-000-2023-VCI)**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has been implementing the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) since 2014 up to the present, which program is currently initiating innovative approaches and processes in engaging rural communities, LGUs, and national government agencies in planning, designing and implementing rural development projects;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP is jointly funded by the national government, local government units (LGUs), farmers and fisherfolk beneficiaries and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) herein referred to as World Bank/Bank;

**WHEREAS**, the DA has designed PRDP as one of the platforms for achieving the Philippine Government's Sustainable Development Goals, over the years, the PRDP has proven its efficacy in providing a means to strengthen the capacity of the Local Government Units and proponent groups in improving its agri-fishery industry;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP has triggered improvements in income and food security levels of households through better-targeted and sustainable agriculture and fisheries-related rural development and marine biodiversity conservation projects as well as enhanced LGU institutional, technical, management and financial capabilities and systems;



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**WHEREAS**, given the prevailing need of the agriculture sector to address the gaps in the value chain as well as improve and modernize the agri-fishery industry, and in accordance to the Philippine Development Plan, National Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan (NAFMIP) 2021-2030, the DA has expanded the PRDP with the institution of the new PRDP Scale-up (“PRDP Scale Up”);

**WHEREAS**, given the successes and accomplishments of PRDP from its Original Loan and subsequent Additional Financing, the Government of the Philippines (GOP) shall receive a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “Bank”), specifically under Loan Agreement for IBRD Loan No. 9577-PH dated 7 July 2023, in an amount equivalent to Six Hundred Million US Dollars (US\$600,000,000) for the purpose of part-financing of the new PRDP Scale Up to further support the Government’s effort to improve farmers’ and fisherfolk’s access to market as well as increase income from selected agri-fishery value chains, in continuation of PRDP’s mission and goals;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale Up I-BUILD/Infrastructure Development Component, through Infrastructure Development Grants/Loans to the **Proponent Local Government Unit**, will focus on delivering climate-resilient access and value chain infrastructure support with the end goal of building up food distribution hubs and logistics systems to provide unhampered mobility, access and stable supply of food commodities and other agri-fishery products with reduced transport, handling, and hauling costs thereby improving product quality and prices in target markets;

**WHEREAS**, the PRDP Scale Up I-REAP/Enterprise Development Component, through Enterprise Development Grants/Loans to the **Proponent Local Government Unit** or farmers and fishers cooperatives and associations (FCAs) or FCAs Clusters, aims to increase productivity, value addition and improve access to the market of enterprise clusters through efficient cluster-based agricultural and fishery productivity enhancement interventions;

**WHEREAS**, the **Proponent Local Government Unit** shall partner with FCAs/FCAs Clusters through which the above-mentioned I-REAP/Enterprise Development Component Sub-Projects may be implemented;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 extends genuine and meaningful local autonomy to the LGUs to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and to make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 devolves to the LGUs the then-essentially DA function of providing agricultural support services, agricultural extension and on-site research services and facilities to agricultural areas and stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the **Proponent Local Government Unit** has manifested its interest to participate in the Project, and forwarded to the DA documentary requirements for its proposed Sub-project/s;



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**WHEREAS**, initial evaluation indicates that the **Proponent Local Government Unit** has priority programs involving agri-fishery development in consonance with the NAFMIP;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the strategic design of the different components of the PRDP Scale Up, pertinent preliminary interventions need to be undertaken to enable **Proponent Local Government Unit's** participation in PRDP Scale Up as direct implementer of Sub-Projects within their respective jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, on August 14, 2023, Provincial Resolution No. 735-2023 was approved by Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pangasinan, granting authority to Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III to enter into and sign a MOA with the DA represented by **Senior Undersecretary Domingo F. Panganiban**, who was delegated the authority to sign, enter into, and execute MOAs on behalf of DA;

**WHEREAS**, in the interim period after the LCE has signed the MOA, **Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr.**, was appointed, by effect, rescinding the delegation of authority granted to **Senior Undersecretary Domingo F. Panganiban**;

**WHEREAS**, this body affirms, ratifies, and confirms the previous resolution dated August 14, 2023, granting authority to the LCE to enter into a MOA with the DA regardless of who is the representative of the department;

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2023, the PRDP Scale-Up Regional Project Advisory Board of Region I approved subproject Construction of Provincial Warehouse with Multi-Purpose Drying Pavement in Sta. Barbara with subproject I.D. No. PRDP-SU-IB-R001-PAN-005-000-000-2023-VCI for implementation;

**WHEREAS**, **PRDP RPCO** issued its No Objection Letter (NOL) for the implementation of subproject Construction of Provincial Warehouse with Multi-Purpose Drying Pavement in Sta. Barbara with subproject I.D. No. PRDP-SU-IB-R001-PAN-005-000-000-2023-VCI;

**WHEREAS**, a conditional requirement for the implementation of the aforementioned subproject is for the **Proponent Local Government Unit** to sign, enter into, and duly execute an IMA with the DA;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan authorizes the Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III to enter into, sign and execute an IMA for the implementation of PRDP Scale Up: **Construction of Provincial Warehouse with Multi-Purpose Drying Pavement in Sta. Barbara (PRDP-SU-IB-R001-PAN-005-000-000-2023-VCI)** with the DA represented by its authorized or delegated representative;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Nicholi Jan Louie Q. Sison, duly seconded, it was;



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**RESOLVED**, to authorize and empower the Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, for and behalf of the Province of Pangasinan, to undertake the following:


- a. To enter into contracts with the winning bidder/s for civil works, consultancy, procurement of goods/equipment and other agreements required to be done to put this Agreement into full effect;
- b. To undertake all acts necessary for the effective implementation of the aforementioned subprojects.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to authorize the Honorable Governor Ramon V. Guico III, for and in behalf of the Province of Pangasinan, to affirm and undertake the following commitments required by the PRDP;

- a. Commit logistical and funding support to the LGU and the subproject, particularly with respect to the equity contribution and operations and maintenance of completed or installed structures, systems and facilities;
- b. Commit to process the transfer of and/or annotation to land title/s of the transferred or donated properties to be utilized in the subproject;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Governor Ramon V. Guico III, the Department of Agriculture and all other concerned authorities, for their information and appropriate action.

CERTIFIED BY:

  
**VERNA T. NAVA-PEREZ**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

ATTESTED:

  
**MARK RONALD DG. LAMBINO**  
Vice Governor  
*(Presiding Officer)*