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Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 0206, s. 2026

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Functional Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

OPENING OF THE ELECTRONIC INNOVATION GRANTS INFORMATION
SYSTEM (EIGIS) FOR REGISTRATION

1. In support of Republic Act (RA) No. 11293, otherwise known as the *Philippine Innovation Act*, which positions innovation as a driver of sustainable growth and is operationalized through the *National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document 2023–2032* and the *Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028*, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) announces the opening of the **Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS)** for registration.
2. Special Provision No. 5 on Grants for Innovation Programs, Activities, and Projects under the General Appropriations Act for FY 2026 provides an appropriation of **PHP 100,000,000.00** as the Innovation Fund. As Secretariat to the National Innovation Council, DEPDev will open the **Call for Proposals on March 17, 2026**.
3. In this regard, eligible applicants, as defined under the 2026 Innovation Grnts Implementing Guidelines (Annex A), may register through the EIGIS portal at: https://eigis_innovation.depdev.gov.ph
4. For clarifications, you may contact Engr. Kris Jane E. de Rama or Ms. Rhea Mae C. Mendez of the RDC Secretariat via email or mobile at 0917-836-0338 / 0920-607-9840.
5. Attached is a copy of DEPDev Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2026.
6. For the information and guidance of all concerned

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FOR : **REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

SUBJECT : **Opening of the Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS) for Registration**

DATE : **February 27, 2026**

1. Republic Act (RA) No. 11293 or the Philippine Innovation Act positions innovation as a driver of sustainable growth, operationalized through the National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document 2023–2032 and the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028, which prioritize building a dynamic innovation ecosystem.
2. For the effective implementation of RA 11293, Special Provision No. 5 on Grants for Innovation Programs, Activities, and Projects of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) – Office of the Secretary under the General Appropriations Act for FY 2026 provides an appropriation of PHP 100,000,000.00 as the Innovation Fund.
3. The DEPDev, as Secretariat to the National Innovation Council, will open the **Call for Proposals on March 17, 2026**.
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Thank you.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT

DEPDev Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 1, s. 2026

Date: 16 FEBRUARY 2026

TO : ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BUREAUS, OFFICES, COMMISSIONS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), INCLUDING LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (LUCs)

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE 2026 INNOVATION GRANTS

I. BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

Republic Act (RA) No. 11293, otherwise known as the "Philippine Innovation Act," plays a pivotal role in promoting innovation as an essential component of national development and sustainable economic growth in the country. The law aims to harness innovation efforts to assist the poor and marginalized, enable micro, small, and medium enterprises to become integral parts of both domestic and global supply chains, and catalyze the growth of the Philippine economy and local industries. Innovation refers to the creation of new ideas that result in the development of new or improved products, processes, or services, which are subsequently transferred across different markets, thereby creating societal value and improving the welfare of lower-income and marginalized groups.

Section 21 of RA No. 11293 provides for the establishment and administration of the Innovation Fund to strengthen entrepreneurship and enterprises engaged in developing innovative solutions benefiting the poorest of the poor. A revolving fund in the initial amount of one billion pesos (PHP 1,000,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the initial years of the law's implementation. The grants shall also be issued from the Innovation Fund.

For the effective implementation of RA No. 11293, Special Provision (SP) No. 5 on Grants for Innovation Programs, Activities, and Projects of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev), - Office of the Secretary (OSec) under RA No. 12314, or the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2026, appropriates an amount of one hundred million pesos (PHP 100,000,000.00) constituted as a Revolving Fund - Innovation Fund to be used for the issuance of grants for innovation programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) in accordance with RA No 11293. The implementation of the said SP shall be subject to the guidelines to be issued by DEPDev and confirmed by the National Innovation Council (NIC).

II. PURPOSE

This Circular is being issued to provide the rules and regulations for the utilization of funds appropriated for grants supporting innovation PAPs, pursuant to SP No. 5 on Grants for Innovation Programs, Activities, and Projects of the DEPDev-OSec under GAA FY 2026.

III. SCOPE

The MC prescribes the types of innovation PAPs eligible for funding. It outlines the organizational structure, responsibilities, eligibility criteria, and the administration processes of the 2026 Innovation Grants. These administration processes include the call, submission, evaluation, and approval of proposals, and monitoring and reporting of funded innovation PAPs.

It shall cover innovation PAPs that focus on promoting and implementing various types of innovation, as proposed by public sector entities, such as national government agencies (NGAs), SUCs, public schools, GOCCs, and LGUs, including LUCs, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. **Call for Proposals** - a public announcement being released by DEPDev, as the NIC Secretariat, containing comprehensive details for the submission of proposals for funding under the Innovation Grants.
- b. **Commercialization** - this covers the strategies needed to transition innovations into commercial production such as manufacturing, marketing, and distribution. These activities ensure that the innovative products or services are produced at a scale and introduced to the market successfully.
- c. **Diffusion** - this involves the dissemination and adoption of innovations by target markets or communities. The corresponding activities aim to spread the innovation widely, promote its benefits and encourage its uptake among potential users. This can include educational campaigns, partnerships, and support mechanisms to facilitate the innovation's acceptance and integration into everyday use.
- d. **Double Funding** - a situation where the same activity for the same set of beneficiaries receives funding more than once using public funds.
- e. **Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS)** - refers to the web-based information system that collects, analyzes, and reports data on innovation PAPs applied for funding under the Innovation Grants.
- f. **Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations** - refer to any agencies organized as stock or nonstock corporations, vested with functions relating to public needs whether governmental or proprietary in nature, and owned by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines directly or through its instrumentalities either wholly or, where applicable as in the case of stock corporations, to the extent of at least a majority of its outstanding capital stock.¹
- g. **Grants** - refer to non-repayable transfers received from the government or private individuals or institutions, whether foreign or domestic, which include reparations and gifts given for projects, programs, or general budget support.²

¹ Republic Act No. 10149, Section 3(m)

² Department of Budget and Management. Glossary of Terms

- h. **Implementing Entity** - the primary organization approved to execute an innovation PAPs.
- i. **Intellectual Property** - refers to intangible assets originating from the innovative efforts of individuals or entities, encompassing products of the intellect, including inventions, designs, brand identities, and literary or artistic works.³
- j. **Local Government Units** - refer to political units composed of provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays.⁴
- k. **Local Universities and Colleges** - refer to Commission on Higher Education (CHED)-accredited higher education institutions (HEIs) established by LGUs through an enabling ordinance, financially supported by the concerned LGU, and compliant with CHED's policies, standards, and guidelines.⁵
- l. **Negative List** - refers to a list of PAPs⁶ deemed ineligible for funding because they do not meet the criteria for innovation PAPs. These may include PAPs that are primarily administrative in nature, those at the basic ideation stage, or those that do not directly contribute to advancing innovation.
- m. **Pre-commercialization** - this involves developing and refining innovative products, technologies, or services to prepare them for the market. Activities in this stage include research, prototyping, testing, and improving the innovation to ensure it meets market needs and standards.
- n. **Programs, Activities, and Projects** - refer to series or groups of work processes undertaken to achieve desired outputs and outcomes.
- o. **Program/Project Leader** - refers to the individual who serves as the lead member of the approved program/project who is in-charge of the successful and timely execution of approved PAPs.
- p. **Proponent** - refers to a public entity intending to submit or having already submitted a proposal for funding under the Innovation Grants.
- q. **Public Schools** - refer to learning institutions funded by the government that offer general education from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- r. **Savings** - refer to portions or balances of any line-item budget in the approved financial plan that are free from any obligation or encumbrance and are realized from the implementation of activities at a lesser cost.⁷

³ Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (2019). *What is intellectual property?*

⁴ Department of Budget and Management (2024). Chapter 9: Position Classification and Compensation Scheme in Local Government Units

⁵ Republic Act No. 10931, Section 3(e)

⁶ See list under Section VIII, item c, for reference.

⁷ Department of Budget and Management. National Budget Circular No. 592

- s. **State Universities and Colleges** - refer to public HEIs established by the national government and are governed by their respective independent boards of trustees or regents.⁸
- t. **Unexpended Balance** - refers to the remaining or unobligated funds from the approved budget for PAPs.

V. TYPES OF INNOVATION PAPs FOR FUNDING

- a. Funding support can be provided to new or existing innovation PAPs implemented by a public entity, subject to the eligibility requirements stipulated in **Section VI** of this document.
- b. The following types of innovation PAPs may qualify for funding under the 2026 Innovation Grants:

1. **Pre-commercialization, Commercialization, or Diffusion of Innovations**

This refers to innovation PAPs aimed at developing and refining innovative products, technologies, or services to ensure their readiness for the market, mitigating risks prior to full-scale commercialization. It also includes support to the commercial production and transfer of such innovations across markets, and their dissemination and adoption within target markets or communities.

For proposals under commercialization, implementing entities must identify a private enterprise or partner that commits to adopting, utilizing, or employing their innovative product, service, or technology to be funded.

2. **Innovation Facilities and Services**

These refer to physical spaces, resources, and support programs designed to foster innovation, particularly by providing support services for entrepreneurial activities to enable the successful transfer of innovation across markets.

3. **Innovation Culture Promotion and Capacity-Building**

This refers to innovation PAPs aimed at fostering a culture of innovation and strengthening the innovation ecosystem, which includes educational programs, capacity-building activities, trade exhibits, expositions and missions, and other networking activities for collaborative partnerships.

4. **Innovation Policy and Administration**

This refers to PAPs focused on the introduction and application of innovation policy solutions, regulatory measures, digital information initiatives, and other public administration innovations. These PAPs aim to enhance efficiency, productivity, and quality of public services.

- c. Proponents may combine components from each type, as they deem relevant. The specific subtypes for each type, along with the corresponding and/or recommended expected outputs, are detailed in **Annex B: Types of Innovation PAPs**.

⁸ Republic Act No. 10931, Section 3(m)

- d. Funding shall be provided in a manner that prevents duplication of initiatives. Such support shall also consider the implementing entity's capacity to implement and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

VI. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following are the eligibility requirements for accessing the 2026 Innovation Grants:

a. For the Program/Project Proposal

1. General objectives and expected outputs and outcomes of the proposal are aligned with and contributory to the strategies outlined in the National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document 2023-2032, Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, and for those with local and regional in scope, the Regional Development Plan 2023-2028;
2. No duplication with completed and ongoing publicly funded PAPs; and
3. Declaration should be made indicating whether the proposal, as is or in its various forms, or a part thereof, has been submitted for inclusion in the Public Investment Program

b. For the Implementing Entity

1. Must be a government agency, including departments, bureaus, offices, other instrumentalities, SUC, public school, GOCC, or LGU, including LUC;⁹
2. Must be able to issue an Official Receipt (OR), electronic OR, or electronic Acknowledgement Receipt for the receipt of funds;
3. Authorized to receive funds and/or collect revenues;
4. For SUCs, GOCCs, and LGUs, must have an authorized trust fund account to serve as the depository account for the grant funding;
5. For NGAs and public schools, must have an organization code based on the Unified Account Code Structure and an existing Modified Disbursement System trust account;
6. For those who previously received funding under prior cycles of the Innovation Grants, they must be cleared of all physical and financial accountabilities from completed projects; and
7. For those with an identified private enterprise or partner, they must ensure that the private enterprise or partner's incorporators, organizers, directors, or officers are not agents of, or related by consanguinity or affinity up to the fourth civil degree, to the implementing entity officials and project team members.

c. For the Program/Project Leader

1. Must be a Filipino citizen of legal age;
2. Must hold a permanent or regular position and not due to retire during the period of implementation;
3. Must not have been found guilty of administrative or criminal case, including those under appeal; and
4. Must not be an agent of or related by consanguinity or affinity up to the fourth civil degree to DEPDev officials and technical staff authorized to process and/or

⁹ See table under Section IX, item a.2, for reference.

approve the proposal, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and the release of funds.

VII. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. NIC-Executive Technical Board (NIC-ETB)

The NIC-ETB shall be responsible for the deliberation and approval of proposals endorsed by the NIC-Executive Director (NIC-ED) to be funded under the 2026 Innovation Grants.

b. NIC-ETB Chairperson

The NIC-ETB Chairperson shall have the following authorities and responsibilities:

1. Enter into agreement, on behalf of the NIC and DEPDev, with the implementing entities of approved proposals;
2. Sign all documents necessary for the transfer of funds to implementing entities from the Revolving Fund - Innovation Fund bank account;
3. Decide accordingly which proposals to approve during the deliberation of the NIC-ETB in case of ties and subject to the availability of funds;
4. Approve or disapprove the requests for extension of program/ project implementation;
5. Approve or disapprove requests for line-item budget modifications amounting to less than one million pesos (PHP 1,000,000.00) per request; and
6. Report the results of the call for proposals and status of approved innovation PAPs to the NIC.

c. NIC-ETB Subcommittee

The NIC-ETB Subcommittee shall consist of the following NIC-ETB members: a) NIC-ETB Chairperson from DEPDev; and b) NIC-ETB Vice Chairpersons from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). This Subcommittee is responsible for the approval or disapproval of requests for line-item budget modifications amounting to one million pesos (PHP 1,000,000.00) or higher per request.

d. NIC-ED

The NIC-ED shall have the following authorities and responsibilities:

1. Revalidate the consolidated results and consequently endorse the shortlisted proposals to the NIC-ETB for approval;
2. Co-sign all documents required for the transfer of funds to implementing entities from the Revolving Fund - Innovation Fund bank account;
3. Endorse to the NIC-ETB Chairperson or NIC-ETB Subcommittee the requests for line-item budget modifications; and
4. Endorse to the NIC-ETB Chairperson the requests for extensions of innovation PAPs.

e. DEPDev-Innovation Staff (DEPDev-InnovS)

The DEPDev-InnovS shall provide administrative and technical support for the effective implementation and administration of the Innovation Grants. It shall have the following authorities and responsibilities:

1. Facilitate the announcement of the call for proposals;
2. Approve user requests and administer the EIGIS;
3. Conduct initial completeness and eligibility check of all submitted proposals, and preliminary check and reclassification of proposals;
4. Conduct technical evaluation of proposals;
5. Perform organizational and risk-based assessments of proposals;
6. Notify proponents about the status of their application;
7. Facilitate the fund transfer and utilization of the 2026 Innovation Grants, in coordination with the DEPDev Financial Planning, and Management Staff and Administrative Staff;
8. Require the submission of additional documentation or clarifications from proponents or implementing entities to ensure compliance with applicable financial and auditing rules and regulations before proceeding with any disbursement or project milestone;
9. Facilitate negotiation meetings and the signing of MOA between the implementing entities and DEPDev;
10. Coordinate and oversee implementation of approved innovation PAPs;
11. Conduct field validation activities and ensure the implementing entities submit monitoring and reporting requirements; and
12. Oversee the proper close-out process of the 2026 Innovation Grants.

f. DEPDev-Sector Staff (DEPDev-SS) and DEPDev Regional Offices (DROs)

The DEPDev-SS and DROs shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Conduct preliminary check on the appropriateness of the indicated scope, location of implementation, and priority area of the submitted proposals, and reclassification of proposals;
2. Conduct technical evaluation of proposals within their sector expertise or with regional scope; and
3. Participate in field validation activities of approved innovation PAPs.

Select representatives from the DEPDev-InnovS, DEPDev-SS, and DROs shall compose the Technical Evaluation Panels (TEPs), as presented in **Section IX (item b.2.2)**.

All public officials and employees involved in the management and administration process of the Innovation Grants shall be governed by RA No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards. They shall ensure professionalism, commitment to public interest, and avoid all forms of conflict of interest.

VIII. FUNDING THRESHOLD AND LIMITATIONS

- a. The funding threshold for implementing innovation PAPs shall depend on the primary type of innovation PAP under which a proposal is classified, as outlined in **Section V**:

Type of Innovation PAP	Funding Threshold
Pre-commercialization, Commercialization, or Diffusion of Innovations	Not exceeding PHP 7,500,000.00
Innovation Facilities and Services	Not exceeding PHP 7,500,000.00
Innovation Culture Promotion and Capacity-Building	Not exceeding PHP 5,000,000.00
Innovation Policy and Administration	Not exceeding PHP 7,500,000.00

- b. Double funding is prohibited. Proponents shall ensure that any components of their proposed innovation PAPs have not received funding from the current year's General Appropriations Act (GAA) or any other sources involving public funds.

c. **Negative List**

The following items shall comprise the list of PAPs deemed ineligible for funding under the Innovation Grants:

1. Any form of investment, such as, but not limited to money market placements, time deposits, real property and motor vehicle¹⁰ purchases, or any other financial investments;
2. Provision of monetary or non-monetary prizes, awards, and seed capital;
3. Provision of mandatory health and social welfare services;
4. Provision of mandatory water supply and sanitation services;
5. General construction and public works, including retrofitting and rehabilitation of facilities managed by implementing agencies as part of their regular programs and mandates;
6. Standalone computerization or installation of IT and telecommunications equipment, or activities that form part of regular ICT operations of the implementing agencies;
7. Conduct of research studies, support for ongoing theses or dissertations, or other investigatory projects involving experimental procedures to acquire new knowledge or apply new findings;
8. Conduct of livelihood training programs typically provided by other government agencies or LGUs;
9. Tourism promotion activities, unless they introduce an innovation in the form of a product, system, or service that does not fall under regular tourism promotion PAPs;
10. Feasibility studies for infrastructure PAPs, including standalone preparatory activities, resettlement, right-of-way acquisitions, site development activities, and similar undertakings;
11. Foreign travel activities;

¹⁰ Specifically, motor vehicle types under the approving authority of DBM, DILG, LCEs, and Office of the President as stated in Section 6.1 of DBM Budget Circular No. 2022-1 dated 11 February 2022.

12. Subsidies or payments for ongoing operational expenses of the proponent that are not directly tied to the program/project; and
13. Provision of services that do not fall under the mandate of the proponent.

IX. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INNOVATION GRANTS

The process from the submission of proposals to their evaluation and approval or disapproval is illustrated in **Annex C: Process Flow of the Evaluation and Approval of Proposals**.

a. Submission of Proposals

1. DEPDev shall issue the call for proposals to be disseminated across multiple channels, including the official websites of NIC member agencies, and other relevant communication platforms.
2. Proponents must register on EIGIS to submit a proposal. To create an account, the accomplished and signed **EIGIS Authorization Form** in **Annex A** must be submitted. The signatory shall be as follows:

Proponent	Level	Signatory
NGA	Department Central office	Secretary or designated Undersecretary
	Attached agency or Operating unit of a Department	Undersecretary or its equivalent
	Regional, provincial, or field offices	Regional Director
LGU including LUC	Provincial government	Governor
	City or municipal Government	Mayor
	Local university or college	President, Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor for Research or Extension
SUC	University or college	President, Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor for Research or Extension
Public school	Department of Education schools	Schools Division Superintendent
	DOST - Philippine Science High School	Executive Director or Campus Director
GOCC	Central	Head of Agency or Department Manager
	Regional, provincial, or field Offices	Regional Director, Regional Manager, or its equivalent

b. Evaluation of Proposals

1. Preliminary Evaluation

- 1.1. All proposals submitted through EIGIS on or before the deadline will undergo an initial completeness check to be conducted by the DEPDev-InnovS to assess the correctness and completeness of the forms and documents

submitted. Furthermore, eligibility checks of the submitted program/project proposal, its implementing entity, and program/project leader will also be conducted. Failure to comply with one or more of the required documents, forms, and other eligibility criteria shall be grounds for disapproval of the submitted proposal.

- 1.2. The DEPDev-InnovS, together with DEPDev-SS and DROs, will also review the appropriateness of the indicated scope, location of implementation, and priority area of the submitted proposals. Reclassification will be conducted as deemed necessary.
- 1.3. The following reasons shall constitute grounds for the disapproval of the submitted proposal during the preliminary evaluation, preventing it from proceeding to the subsequent technical evaluation:
 - i. Lack of basis for evaluation due to insufficient documents or information submitted;
 - ii. One or more of the program/project objectives and/or components do not align with the allowed types of innovation PAPs for funding outlined in **Section V**;
 - iii. Inclusion of the program/project, in whole or in part, in the negative list outlined in **Section VIII (item b)**; or
 - iv. The implementing entity and/or the program/project leader do not meet the eligibility requirements stipulated in **Section VI**.

2. Technical Evaluation

- 2.1. Proposals that pass the preliminary evaluation will proceed to the technical evaluation, where the technical merits and viability of the proposal will be assessed using the criteria outlined in **Annex D: Technical Evaluation Criteria**.
- 2.2. The technical evaluation shall be conducted by the TEPs. The composition of the TEPs and the proposals they will evaluate will be organized into clusters based on the location and scope, and priority area of the proposals received. The following outlines the possible compositions of TEPs:

Location and Scope of Proposal	Composition of TEP
Local	1. One technical staff from the DRO ¹¹ where the proposal is to be implemented;
Regional, including the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	2. One technical staff from DEPDev-SS in charge of the primary priority area of the proposal; and 3. One technical staff from DEPDev-InnovS.

¹¹ For proposals under BARMM, a designated representative from the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority.

Location and Scope of Proposal	Composition of TEP
Inter-Regional	1. Two technical staff from DEPDev-InnovS; and 2. One technical staff from DEPDev-SS in charge of the primary priority area of the proposal.
National	
National Capital Region	

- 2.3. Only proposals that pass the hurdle rate of 75 percent in the technical evaluation will proceed to the next level, which is the organizational and risk-based assessment. Proposals that fail to meet the required score will be disapproved.
- 2.4. All members of the TEPs shall sign a non-disclosure agreement and a non-conflict of interest undertaking.

3. Organizational and Risk-based Assessment

- 3.1 Proposals that pass the technical evaluation will proceed with the organizational and risk-based assessment, where the proponent's capacity to implement its proposed innovation PAPs will be assessed by DEPDev-InnovS based on the criteria outlined in **Annex E: Organizational and Risk-Based Assessment Criteria**.
- 3.2 DEPDev-InnovS shall solicit comments and inputs from the following agencies as part of the risk-based assessment:
- i. CHED;
 - ii. Department of Agriculture;
 - iii. DOST;
 - iv. Department of the Interior and Local Government;
 - v. DTI; and
 - vi. Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL).
- 3.3 Together with the technical evaluation ratings and findings of the organizational and risk-based assessment, the NIC-ED shall revalidate the consolidated results and consequently endorse the shortlisted proposals to the NIC-ETB for approval.

c. Approval and Confirmation Process

1. The NIC-ETB shall convene to deliberate the approval or disapproval of the shortlisted proposals. Proponents may be invited to discuss their proposals during the deliberation.
2. Proposals shall be deemed approved if they receive at least two-thirds affirmative votes from the NIC-ETB members or their authorized representatives present during the meeting.

3. The NIC-ETB reserves the right to approve or disapprove any proposal, or separable portions thereof, and to waive any irregularity, technicality, or omissions as needed.
4. Subject to availability of funds, proposals with the highest number of votes shall be prioritized for funding, and in the case of ties, the NIC-ETB Chairperson shall decide accordingly.
5. The results of the evaluations will be submitted to the NIC for their information. DEPDev-InnovS will notify the proponents of the outcome of their application.

d. Project Implementation

1. Negotiation of Terms

Prior release of approved funds, the implementing entity shall submit the following:

- 1.1. Updated project forms following the terms negotiation with the DEPDev-InnovS;
- 1.2. Bank certification issued by chief accountant or its equivalent;
- 1.3. Updated contact details of key officials and program/project team members;
- 1.4. Where applicable, certified true copies of land titles, deeds of sale, or other documents evidencing ownership or legal right over the immovable property involved in the project, such as for refurbishment or renovation of structures;
- 1.5. No individual shall be designated as Project Leader for more than one (1) approved and concurrently implemented project under the Innovation Grants. In cases where the designated Project Leader already has an ongoing approved project, the Head of Agency shall designate another qualified individual to lead the subsequent project;
- 1.6. For projects involving intellectual property (IP) generation, modification, or commercialization, a search report and written opinion from the IPOPHL or other competent authority. Where the search opinion recommends modifications to avoid infringement, the proponent shall revise the IP-related components accordingly before execution of the funding agreement;
- 1.7. Proposals with incomplete documentary requirements at the time of terms negotiation shall be issued a Notice of Deferred Acceptance. The funding approval shall only be deemed effective, and the release of funds authorized, upon full compliance within six (6) months from receipt of the notice.

If the proponent does not agree to the negotiated terms or the additional requirements, they must submit a written notice of withdrawal within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Deferred Acceptance. Failure to comply within the six-month compliance period, or to formally withdraw within the 30-day withdrawal period, shall result in the automatic

forfeiture of funding approval and the project slot, without prejudice to future submissions.

In cases where a Notice of Deferred Acceptance is issued, the implementing entity shall comply with all specified requirements within six (6) months from receipt of such notice. Failure to comply within the prescribed period shall result in the forfeiture of funds in accordance with the provisions on suspension and/or termination.

- 1.8. Other required physical, financial, and/or legal documentary requirements as deemed necessary.

2. Fund Release

- 2.1. DEPDev shall transfer the approved funds to the implementing entity, either in full or in tranches, depending on the terms of negotiation and upon receipt of the signed MOA and other documentary requirements, subject to availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 2.2. The signatory to the MOA shall be the Head of Agency or a designated official as authorized by the Head through a Special Order. Such authority to designate a representative to sign the MOA shall likewise extend to all subsequent official submissions, including but not limited to technical, financial, and physical reports, requests for modification, and compliance with audit and inspection requirements.
- 2.3. Any bank charges resulting from the fund transfers, if any, shall be shouldered by the implementing entity.
- 2.4. The funds released to the implementing entity shall be available for use within the approved program/project duration, including approved extension, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 2.5. Should the implementing entity fail to fully comply with the requisite documentary submissions or other preconditions, DEPDev reserves the right to withhold or defer the release of funds until such compliance is achieved, without prejudice to the agreed timelines for project implementation.

3. Start of Implementation

- 3.1. The implementing entity must commence the program/project implementation upon release of funds from DEPDev.
- 3.2. The resident auditor from the Commission on Audit (COA) assigned to the implementing entity shall be duly notified and consulted in all phases of project implementation, including initiation, execution, and close-out, to ensure adherence to applicable audit standards pursuant to Presidential Decree 1445 or the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines.

4. Modification of Program/Project Details

- 4.1. Requests for modifications to innovation PAPs details and the work and financial plan shall be subject to the review of DEPDev-InnovS and endorsement by the NIC-ED for approval of the NIC-ETB Chairperson or NIC-ETB Subcommittee, as the case may be.
- 4.2. All requests for modifications must include justifications from the implementing entity. The NIC-ETB Chairperson or NIC-ETB Subcommittee, as the case may be, reserves the right to approve or disapprove any proposed modification or separable portions thereof and to waive any minor irregularity, technicality, or omissions as needed.
- 4.3. Only three (3) requests for modifications are allowed and must be submitted at least two (2) months before the projected completion date, except in cases of *force majeure*.
- 4.4. If the Program/Project Leader resigns or separates from the implementing entity, the latter must inform DEPDev in writing within five (5) working days from the effective date of resignation or separation, including details of the new Program/Project Leader.

5. Extension of Program/Project Implementation

- 5.1. The implementing entity may submit to DEPDev a request for an extension of program/project implementation, the duration of which must not exceed six (6) months. Such request shall be subject to review by DEPDev-InnovS and endorsement by the NIC-ED for approval of the NIC-ETB Chairperson.
- 5.2. Request for extension with additional funding is not allowed.
- 5.3. Only one (1) request for an extension is allowed and must be submitted at least three (3) months before the agreed projected completion date, except in cases of *force majeure*.

6. Purchase, Ownership, and Accountability of Equipment

- 6.1. Equipment purchased using the funds shall be used exclusively for the implementation of the approved innovation PAP and will be subject to usual government procurement laws and consistent with existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 6.2. The implementing entity shall have a complete record and documentation of all equipment procured.
- 6.3. For incomplete innovation PAPs, DEPDev reserves the right to retain the equipment in compliance with existing government rules and regulations.

7. Monitoring and Reporting

7.1. Technical Monitoring

- i. The implementing entity shall submit periodic physical accomplishment reports and other reportorial documents to DEPDev-InnovS using the prescribed format or template.
- ii. All reports must be endorsed and/or approved by the head of the implementing entity and consolidated by DEPDev-InnovS for its records and/or submission to relevant authorities.
- iii. For programs, consolidated technical reports shall be submitted in addition to the individual project reports.
- iv. The failure of an implementing entity to submit technical and/or physical reportorial documents shall be considered grounds for suspension and/or termination of funding.
- v. DEPDev may conduct field validations as necessary. If issues and concerns arise during the validation process, a facilitation meeting will be held with the program/project team to discuss and resolve encountered issues.

7.2. Financial Monitoring

- i. The implementing entity shall submit periodic financial accomplishment reports, including financial accountability and liquidation reports with necessary supporting documents, to DEPDev-InnovS using the prescribed format or template.
- ii. All financial reports must be endorsed and/or approved by the head of the implementing entity and reviewed or certified correct by the implementing entity's accountant.
- iii. The implementing entity shall make all records and documents related to the utilization of funds available to the DEPDev and the COA. The DEPDev shall consolidate the reports for its records and/or submission to relevant authorities.
- iv. All unexpended balance, savings, and/or income shall be reported and included in the periodic and terminal reports submitted to DEPDev and relevant authorities.
- v. The failure of an implementing entity to submit financial reportorial documents shall be considered grounds for suspension and/or termination of funding. In such an event, the implementing entity must return the disbursed amount in full.

8. Project Closeout

8.1. Terminal Report

A terminal report, using the prescribed format, and its supporting documents shall be submitted to the DEPDev-InnovS by the implementing entity no later than two (2) months after the end of the implementation of the innovation PAP. All supporting documents and other relevant documents shall also be attached.

8.2. Unexpended Balances and Savings

Upon pre-termination or completion of the PAP, all unexpended balances and savings shall be reported and returned to the authorized government depository bank account for the Revolving Fund - Innovation Fund.

8.3. Audit and Inspection

The activities, operations, books of accounts, and records of the program, activity, or project shall be available for inspection or validation by an authorized DEPDev representative and/or its auditor whenever necessary.

X. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Matters affecting IPs or IP rights such as their ownership, protection, and utilization, technology disclosure, exclusivity of the license, use of commercialization, among others, shall be governed by RA No. 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, and other related Philippine laws on IP such as the RA No. 10055, otherwise known as the Philippine Technology Transfer Act of 2009 and its amended implementing rules and regulations (IRR).

XI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Amendment. The provisions and annexes of this Circular may be subject to amendment as deemed essential. Such amendments shall be consistent with RA No. 11293, its IRR, and other relevant statutory provisions, regulations, and issuances.

Separability Clause. If any clause, sentence, or provision of this Circular shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

Repealing Clause. All previous orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Circular are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

XII. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect unless revised, revoked, or superseded by a subsequent issuance.

ARSENIO M. BALISACAN, PhD

Secretary

Department of Economy, Planning, and Development



ANNEX A
Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS) Authorization Form

[LETTER HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY]

**Endorsement of Program/Project Leader as Focal Person for the
Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS)**

In line with the **Call for Proposals for the 2026 Innovation Grants**, I hereby endorse and authorize the following personnel¹ from **[NAME OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY]** to:

- a. Create an account with EIGIS and submit proposal/s on our behalf;
- b. Encode, validate, and submit data requested through EIGIS;
- c. Serve as project leader and primary contact person for the submitted project proposal, should it be approved; and
- d. Coordinate with the Department of Economy Planning and Development (DEPDev), as the National Innovation Council (NIC) Secretariat, on matters related to project implementation and the transfer of funds, should the proposal be approved.

Name of Program/ Project Leader	Position	Office/Unit	Contact No.	Email Address
[Name]				
[Name]				
[Name]				

All submitted information shall be treated as correct and fully endorsed by the undersigned and will be considered final and official for proposal evaluation. Further, I acknowledge that all actions will be guided by EIGIS User Agreement and Privacy Policy, ensuring that all data and information processed through EIGIS are handled in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Head of Agency:	
Signature	
Position:	
Date:	

¹ **Note:** The agency has the discretion to authorize additional Program/Project Leaders as needed. Each authorized Program/Project Leader (or EIGIS user) may submit multiple proposals. However, please ensure that no similar proposal is submitted by more than one user.

TABLE OF AUTHORIZATION

Proponent	Level	Signatory
NGA	Department Central office	Secretary or designated Undersecretary
	Attached agency or Operating unit of a Department	Undersecretary or its equivalent
	Regional, provincial, or field offices	Regional Director
LGU including LUC	Provincial government	Governor
	City or municipal Government	Mayor
	Local university or college	President, Chancellor, Vice President, or Vice Chancellor for Research or Extension
SUC	University or college	President, Chancellor, Vice President, or Vice Chancellor for Research or Extension
Public school	Department of Education schools	Schools Division Superintendent
	Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Philippine Science High School	Executive Director or Campus Director
GOCC	Central	Head of Agency or Department Manager
	Regional, provincial, or field Offices	Regional Director, Regional Manager, or its equivalent

EIGIS USER AGREEMENT

Welcome to the Department of Economy Planning and Development (DEPDev) Electronic Innovation Grants Information System (EIGIS) website. By using this website, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Registration of Focal Persons.** All proponents and implementing entities must register their designated focal persons in the EIGIS prior to the start of any proposal submission period. Only registered focal persons shall be authorized to submit proposals, supporting documents, and reports through the system.
2. **User Credentials.** Registered Focal Persons shall be given a username and password to access the DEPDev-EIGIS account. They are responsible for keeping their username and password secure to prevent unauthorized access. DEPDev is not liable for any damages or losses resulting from unauthorized access or use of their account by a third party. They are responsible for ensuring that their account credentials are active, secure, and updated at all times.
3. **Accuracy of Information.** You agree to provide accurate and complete information about yourself or your agency. DEPDev may accept, decline, or block user requests.
4. **Submission Recording and Deadlines.** The EIGIS automatically records the date and time of all submissions. Late submissions due to unregistered accounts, inactive credentials, or failure to perform timely uploads shall not be entertained unless the proponent can show proof of a system error or force majeure.
5. **Non-Compliance and Exceptions.** Delayed submissions due to non-registration, incomplete registration, or user-side technical issues shall be deemed non-compliant.
6. **Prohibited Use.** Users are prohibited from using the DEPDev-EIGIS system for any unlawful or fraudulent activities, including but not limited to hacking, phishing, spamming, or any activity that could harm the system or compromise user data.
7. **Security Blocking.** DEPDev will automatically block or disable access to your account if an incorrect password is used three times in a row.
8. **Incident Reporting.** Users are required to report any incidents or suspected incidents of data breaches or security breaches to DEPDev immediately. Users must cooperate with DEPDev in any investigations or remediation efforts related to such incidents.
9. **Amendments to Information and Terms.** DEPDev may change the information and data contained on this website, as well as the terms, conditions, and explanations shown herein.
10. **Help Desk Support.** EIGIS Help Desk support is available during regular working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday). Proponents are encouraged to request assistance at least twenty-four (24) hours before the submission deadline to allow adequate troubleshooting time.

EIGIS PRIVACY NOTICE

The Department of Economy Planning and Development respects and protects the privacy of our data subjects (employees, clients, service providers and other stakeholders) in accordance with Republic Act No. 10173, or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. Personal or Sensitive Personal Information that we collect shall only be used to process your communication and other compatible purposes. This includes contacting you if more information or clarifications are required.

All collected data will be kept secure and confidential, unless otherwise authorized by law. They shall be retained only for such a period as necessary to serve the purpose for which they were collected, or as required under any contract or by any law, rule or regulation. Thereafter, it shall be disposed of in a secure manner that would prevent further processing, unauthorized access or disclosure to any other party.

Should you wish to invoke any such rights in relation to our processing of your personal data or have questions or clarifications relative to privacy and data protection, you may contact us at The Data Protection Officer, 34th Floor, The Mega Tower, EDSA cor. Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City 1550 tels. (02) 8631-0945 to 55.

By clicking the agree button, you agree to the processing of the data you have provided in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

ANNEX B
Types of Innovation Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs)

Types of Innovation PAPs	Expected Outputs (This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change depending on the final approved work and financial plans.)
1. Pre-commercialization, Commercialization, or Diffusion of Innovations	
Pre-Commercialization	
1) High-fidelity prototyping of product, technology, or service	a) Physical or user interface prototypes, models, or samples of final product/ service that will be offered to the market b) Reports/evaluation of performance/quality tests conducted c) Data logs, analysis charts, or research findings of the product or service's reliability, effectiveness, or marketability d) Manufacturing specifications e) Product design refinement f) Regulatory compliance preparations (permits, licenses) g) Pilot production runs h) Technical validation and quality assurance i) Intellectual property application
2) Conduct of market research and assessments	a) Market research reports b) Survey findings c) User or customer feedback from market testing d) Business plan formulation
Commercialization	
1) Production and manufacturing	a) Raw materials b) Machinery and physical equipment c) Handheld equipment and/or tools d) Intermediate products e) Finished goods f) Packaging materials and designs g) Storage systems h) Physical documents of production documentation i) Production cost optimization
2) Marketing and sales	a) Marketing collateral b) Samples or promotional items featuring the product or service c) Point-of-Sale displays and other promotional materials d) Product samples/demos e) Advertisements in various media formats f) Sales reports and customer reviews g) After-sales service system development

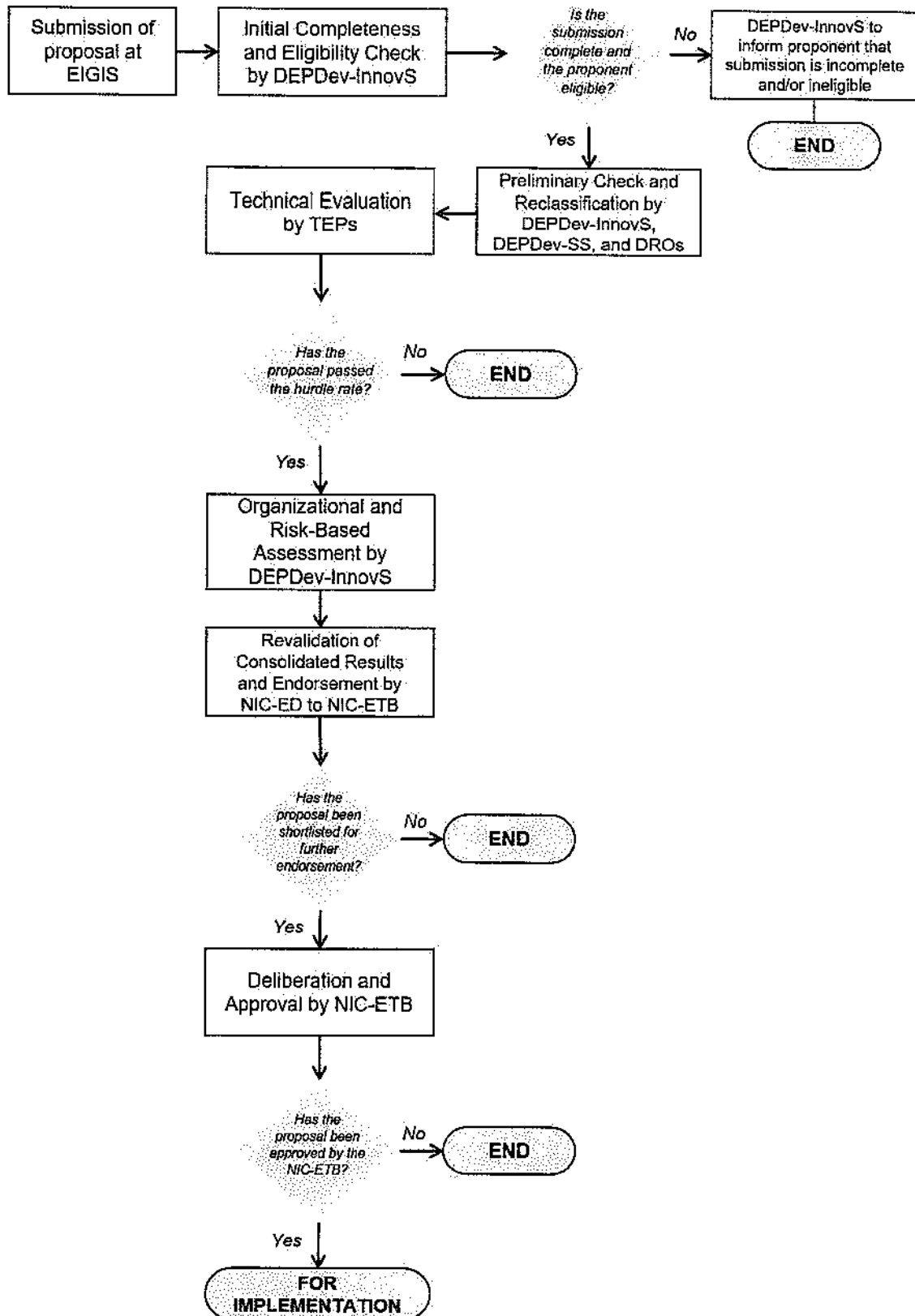
Types of Innovation PAPs	Expected Outputs (This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change depending on the final approved work and financial plans.)
3) Supply chain establishment	a) Lease of warehouse facilities b) Rent of transportation vehicle for transport of goods and movement of products c) Physical hardware and/or software system for inventory management d) Material handling equipment e) Establishment of distribution channels
4) Compliance to legal and regulatory requirements	a) Legal documents, permits, licenses, certificates, and regulatory filings required for business operations b) Manuals or handbooks of the company/organization c) Sustainability reports (e.g., Economic, Environmental, Social, and Governance report, Corporate Social Responsibility report, etc.) d) Sales operations and retail agreements
Diffusion/Adoption	
1) Conduct of evaluations within testbed environments	a) Physical setup of testing environment, including modifications or enhancements b) Physical or user interface prototypes, models, or mock-ups of product, technology, or service to be evaluated c) Tools, equipment, or software for data collection and analysis d) Testbed documentation and evaluation reports
2) Participation to regulatory sandbox program	a) Application forms, agreements, and regulatory guidance provided by authorities b) Reports of data tests and results and documentation of compliance with regulatory requirements c) Certificates, permits, or exemptions issued by regulatory authorities
3) Small-scale pilot deployment of product or service	a) Reports of pilot deployment/s b) Documentation of technical specifications and/or operational processes and procedures c) Feedback survey results from pilot users d) Demonstration or showcase of pilot product or service to stakeholders, investors, and potential adopters or customers
4) Conduct of technology transfer activities	a) Contracts or agreements outlining the terms, conditions and rights of technology transfer b) Licensing or royalty agreements c) Training activities and/or manuals and guides for technology transfer d) Technology transfer reports e) Publication of manuals, guidelines, and training kits f) Community-based demonstration projects g) Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities

Types of Innovation PAPs	Expected Outputs (This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change depending on the final approved work and financial plans.)
2. Innovation Facilities and Services	
Physical Facilities and Resources	
1) Lease of commercial, co-working, or physical or virtual office space	a) Lease agreement or contract b) Official receipts for rental/lease payments c) Floor plans of the working space d) Logbook records e) Documentation of health and safety compliances
2) Refurbishment and enhancement of office, co-working, or commercial space	a) Renovation plans or layout designs b) Installed fixtures, fittings, or furniture c) Compliance documents for building codes and regulations d) Documentation of inspection for health and safety compliances
3) Overhead costs	a) Official receipts for utilities of commercial, co-working, or physical or office space b) Procurement of supplies and other related consumables c) Procurement of software licenses, subscription to publications, or access to online platforms d) Official receipts for maintenance and repair services of office equipment and facilities e) Contracts and payroll of administrative staff and/or project support personnel hired
Support Services and Programs	
1) Shared business services	a) Official receipts for professional services contracted such as legal, accounting, or facilities management services b) Stakeholder/customer satisfaction or feedback report of services availed
2) Incubation support	a) Provision of access to specialized equipment, laboratory, and other related facilities needed for product development, research, or experimentation b) Provision of access to workspaces equipped with amenities c) Provision of shared business services d) Provision or branding or marketing support e) Provision of access to various networking events or platforms
3. Innovation Culture Promotion and Capacity-Building	
Educational Programs and Capacity-Building	

Types of Innovation PAPs	Expected Outputs (This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change depending on the final approved work and financial plans.)
1) Workshops or trainings	a) After-activity reports detailing the workshop or training design, list of facilitators, and participants/attendees, etc. b) Training materials, manuals, or presentations used c) Documentation of activities/events in various media formats d) Workshop/training curriculum developed
2) Incubator or accelerator programs	a) Selection criteria and process for prospective participants b) Customized programs or modules c) Conduct of mentorship and coaching activities/sessions d) Metrics/indicators to measure growth of startups/innovators either in terms of valuation, funding, or revenues e) Conduct of demo days or showcases f) Graduation of participants and provision of alumni support program
3) Conduct of hackathons, innovation challenges, or ideation sessions	a) After-activity reports detailing the activity design, list of facilitators/organizers, and participants/attendees, etc. b) Invitation/recruitment process of participants c) Facilitation of mentoring, pitching, or presentation activities d) Development of judging criteria and evaluation process e) Documentation of activities in various media formats
Trade Exhibits, Expositions, and Missions	
1) Participation at innovation-related conferences or conventions	a) Official invitation/acceptance and registration to participate in conference b) Presentation of innovation-related product, service, or research paper c) Official receipts for transportation expenses (local only) hotel accommodation, meals and other related expenses d) Documentation of new knowledge, insights, or best practices acquired at the conference e) Implementation of re-entry or post-event action plan
2) Participation at trade exhibits and expositions	a) Official invitation, acceptance, or registration to participate in local trade exhibit or exposition b) Rental, design/decoration, manufacturing, shipping and set up of exhibit displays, c) Promotional materials and merchandise d) Freight and insurance of exhibit materials e) Official receipts for registration fees, speaking slots, logistical and/or contractor costs, hotel accommodation, meals and other related expenses f) Documentation of knowledge, insights, and best practices acquired at the event g) Implementation of re-entry or post-event action plan

Types of Innovation PAPs	Expected Outputs (This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change depending on the final approved work and financial plans.)
3) Participation at trade missions or business matching meetings	a) Official communications with invited/prospect trade mission participants or business partners b) Presentation or briefing materials of innovation-related product, technology or service c) Business/partnership agreements or contracts d) Official receipts for transportation expenses (local only) hotel accommodation, meals and other related expenses e) Documentation of new knowledge, insights, or best practices acquired at the conference f) Implementation of re-entry or post-event action plan
4. Innovation Policy and Administration	
Public Policy	
1) Conduct of regulatory sandbox program	a) Development of a feasibility assessment and implementation plan for establishing a regulatory sandbox program b) Policy recommendation, guidelines, and/or issuances for establishing a regulatory sandbox c) Regulatory sandbox handbook/operations manual for capacity building of regulators d) Documentation of performance and compliance with regulatory requirements of the participants e) Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the regulatory sandbox
Public Administration	
2) Digital service platforms and transformation initiatives	a) Active and accessible web platform, portal or mobile applications b) Procurement of and/or subscription to software licenses, access to online platforms, domain hosting, user interface and user experience design services, security certification, etc. c) Capacity building on the creation, operation, and securing of digital service platforms, with a focus on cybersecurity d) Utilization, application or deployment of Internet of Things systems e) Reports of service optimization activities and policy recommendations f) Creation of artificial intelligence enabled service delivery systems g) Utilization of cloud-enabled infrastructure

ANNEX C
Process Flow of the Evaluation and Approval of Proposals



ANNEX D
Technical Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Weight	Description
Strategic Alignment	10%	The proposal demonstrates alignment with the strategic priorities outlined in the Philippine Innovation Act and the National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document 2023-2032. Furthermore, it is aligned with the goals and objectives outlined in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, Regional Development Plans 2023-2028 (if applicable), and the Sustainable Development Goals.
Innovativeness	40%	The proposal includes a clear description of the new product, service, approach, or technology being proposed. It also explains how the proposed innovation differs from existing solutions in the same field or market and demonstrates its potential impact. The proposal also identifies and addresses specific problems or challenges within the designated areas of implementation or utilization, whether at the national, regional, or local level. It demonstrates a market-driven approach to problem-solving, presenting a clear and compelling value proposition that aligns with the needs of the target market or population. The proposal also presents a deep understanding of the intended constituency, with the proposed innovation exhibiting high potential for adoption and commercial success, effectively meeting the needs and expectations of its users, beneficiaries, and other relevant stakeholders.
Socioeconomic and Environmental Impact	20%	The proposal is transformative and can produce positive socioeconomic and environmental outcomes for the specified target beneficiaries. It aims to contribute to inclusive growth, sustainability, and the well-being of the community. It also integrates the application of gender and development perspective in development planning processes and across various stages of the project cycle.

Criteria	Weight	Description
Feasibility, Sustainability, and Scalability	30%	The proposal demonstrates feasibility with a clear and realistic plan for implementation within the proposed timeline and budget. It also outlines a sustainability plan to ensure continuity of activities beyond the initial funding support. For pre-commercialization, commercialization, adoption/diffusion programs, activities, or projects, the proposal should include a clear plan for scaling up, encompassing investment plans, partnerships, and resource mobilization.
TOTAL	100%	

ANNEX E
Organizational and Risk-Based Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Description
Competence	The proponent has experience in implementing innovation-related programs, activities, and projects.
Capability	The proponent has good absorptive capacity, or the ability to effectively utilize its financial resources.
Credibility	This involves assessing potential intellectual property issues, as well as financial, legal, and reputational risks that could impact the perception, trust, and credibility of the proponent, to be conducted together with the following agencies: a. Commission on Higher Education - for proposals from SUCs and LUCs b. Department of Agriculture - for proposals classified under Food and Agribusiness c. Department of Science and Technology - for proposals classified under Pre-commercialization, Commercialization, or Diffusion of Innovations d. DILG - for proposals from LGUs and LUCs e. Department of Trade and Industry - for proposals classified under Pre-commercialization, Commercialization, or Diffusion of Innovations f. Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines - for proposals with potential intellectual property issues