



NOAB Resolution No. 004
Series of 2013

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" ("Act") established the National Organic Agricultural Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Act created the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) which shall be the policy-making body that shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Act provides for the implementation of organic agricultural programs, projects and activities, including the provision and delivery of support services with focus on the farmers and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the National Organic Agriculture Program provides that the Department of Agriculture through its bureaus and agencies and in partnership with LGUs, NGOs and private groups, business groups should provide support to farmers and practitioners in terms of services and farm inputs;

WHEREAS, the Board is cognizant of the difficulty faced by small farmers' organizations to access support through Administrative Order No.1 Series of 2013 because of the stringent accreditation requirements;

WHEREAS, the Board likewise recognizes the need for pro-active approaches to extend assistance to small stakeholders and further encourage farmers to convert to organic agriculture and to maintain the vigor of current practitioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of organic funds allotted for the Regional Field Units shall be allocated for Production Support including the purchase and distribution of inputs listed in Annex A hereof; *Provided* that each Regional Field Unit shall be required to assist a minimum of ten small farmers organization each year;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Secretary of Agriculture and Regional Executive Directors be furnished copies of this Resolution, for reference and appropriate action.

APPROVED on the 16th NOAB Regular Monthly Meeting on 05 February 2013 at BAFPS Conference Room, 2nd Floor, BAFPS Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City.

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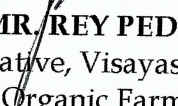
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