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DA BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM URGENT CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021

I. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture Biotechnology Program's main purpose is to help create an enabling environment for the development and better use of agricultural biotechnology as one of technology options for food security, sector competitiveness, and resilience to climate change. With the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act or AFMA of 1997 (RA 8435), the program aims to help the agriculture sector move from resource-based to technology-based through development of a wide range of biotechnology techniques and tools while ensuring biosafety.

II. PRIORITY AREA FOR 2021 UNDER DA BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AND BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Biotechnology for Research and Development (BR4D): Development of vaccine for African Swine Fever (ASF)

For possible funding within the first quarter of 2021

III. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

A. Agencies, institutions, centers, and organizations eligible to propose projects and activities for funding support under the DA Biotech Program are those with:

1. Specific mandate (through its registration, public law, or enabling order, e.g. EO, RA) to do such projects and activities
2. At least three years of good track record in conducting research, development and extension, policy studies, and IEC activities
3. Applicable expertise; access to necessary research facilities, among others; and professional network to conduct the proposed study/ies or activity/ies
4. No unfulfilled project/research study/contract/commitment with DA and its attached agencies/bureaus
5. Maximum of three on-going DA Biotech Program-supported projects by each project leader
6. Project leader affiliated with the lead implementing institution/agency
7. Project leader for Biotechnology Research and Development projects who is at least an MS degree holder and have at least 1 scientific publication in a peer-reviewed journal

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B. Submission of proposals

Eligible entities should first submit capsule proposals (ESMES Form 1) through the DA Biotech Program email address, dabiotech.proposals@gmail.com, for initial screening. Proposals should be properly endorsed by the head of the proposing institution/agency. The pro-form for capsule proposals is attached.

C. Schedule for project proposal processing

Stages Indicative Date/Period

- Call for proposals: January 11, 2021
- Deadline for submission of letter of intent: January 15, 2021
- Deadline for submission of capsule proposals: January 31, 2021
- Evaluation period for capsule proposals: February 1-7, 2021
- Deadline for submission of full proposals (only for those with approved capsule proposals): February 8-15, 2021
- Technical evaluation period for full proposals: February 16-March 19, 2021
- Endorsement of approved full proposal to the DA BPO Steering Committee Chair: March 29, 2021

D. For further inquiries, you may contact the:

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