EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 265

CREATING THE AURORA INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - The Aurora Integrated Area Development Project, hereinafter referred to as the Project, is hereby declared as a project of the National Government under the direct supervision of the National Council on Integrated Area Development, hereinafter referred to as the NACIAD.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Aurora Integrated Area Development Project Office. - There is hereby created an Aurora Integrated Area Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the Project Office, which shall be responsible to the NACIAD for the implementation of the project and its components in cooperation with the designated regional and provincial implementing units of participating agencies. For this purpose, the Project Office shall establish the appropriate budgeting and financial system in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and other concerned agencies.

The Project Office shall be headed by a Project Director who shall be appointed by the Chairman of NACIAD upon recommendation of the NACIAD Executive Director.

SECTION 3. Creation, Composition and Functions of the Executive Steering Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee. - For the purpose of providing operating policies and guidelines in the implementation and coordination of the project there is hereby established an Executive Steering Committee chaired by the NACIAD Executive Director and composed of the duly designated national or regional representatives of the participating implementing agencies and the provincial government. The Project Director shall act as secretary of the Committee.

To assist the Project Director in the management of the project, there is hereby created a Technical Advisory Committee to be composed of the provincial heads of the implementing agencies and concerned provincial government units and to be chaired by the Project Director. SECTION 4. Creation of An Aurora Integrated Area Development Project Fund. - The proceeds of the grant assistance obtained from the European Economic Community shall be constituted into an Aurora Integrated Area Development Project Fund under Chapter XXXV. Integrated Area Development Projects Fund of the General Appropriations Act to finance partially the implementation of the Project. The Department of Budget and Management in consultation with the NACIAD and the concerned departments/agencies shall issue the appropriate guidelines for the utilization of the Fund and the mechanics of its administration.

The appropriate Philippine Government contribution or counterpart fund for each of the Project components shall be made available through the established budgetary systems and procedures.

SECTION 5. Operating Expenses. - The amount of six million five hundred thousand pesos (76,500,000.00) is hereby allocated from any applicable lump sum fund under the CY 1987 General Appropriations Act to cover the initial operating expenses of the Project. For the succeeding fiscal year and until its termination, such amounts as may be necessary for the budgetary requirements of the Project shall be provided for in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Auditing Procedures. - The Commission on Audit shall establish a resident unit attached to the Project Office to certify all expenditures based on the annual work and financial plan of the Project. The financial transactions of the Project shall be audited in accordance with existing law, rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions shall remain effective.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. - Letter of Instructions No. 1499 dated December 18, 1985 is hereby repealed. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

By the President:

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