Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
(Kagawaran ng Enerhiya)

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO2025-08-0013

REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AWARDS

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7638, otherwise known as the "Department of Energy (DOE) Act of 1992," declares the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate, and economic supply of energy through the integrated and intensive exploration, production, management and development of the country's indigenous energy resources;

WHEREAS, Section 5(b) of RA No. 7638 mandates the DOE to develop and update the existing Philippine Energy Plan (PEP), which shall provide for an integrated and comprehensive exploration, development, utilization, distribution and conservation of energy resources, with preferential bias for environment-friendly, indigenous, and low-cost sources of energy;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA No. 9136, otherwise known as the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" or "EPIRA", declares the policy of the State to promote the utilization of indigenous and new and renewable energy (RE) resources in power generation in order to reduce dependence on imported energy;

WHEREAS, Section 37(e)(i) of the EPIRA mandates the DOE to encourage private sector investments in the electricity sector and promote the development of indigenous and RE sources;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9513, otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008" or the "RE Act", declares the policy of the State to increase the utilization of RE by institutionalizing the development of national and local capabilities in the use of RE systems, and promoting its efficient and cost-effective commercial application by providing fiscal and non-fiscal incentives;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the RE Act provides that all stakeholders in the electric power industry shall contribute to the growth of the RE industry of the country;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) – DOE Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2020-01, or the Local Government Unit (LGU) Energy Code, underlines the crucial role of LGUs in supporting the development and implementation of RE initiatives, and promotes the decentralization of energy planning, encouraging LGUs to take proactive steps in identifying, developing, and utilizing RE resources within their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP) 2020-2040 seeks to increase the RE share in the power generation mix to 35% by 2030 and 50% by 2040, while the PEP 2023-2050 further expands the target to more than 50% by 2050;

WHEREAS, the attainment of the above targets requires the concerted efforts of the government, both at the national and local levels, participants in the RE industry, and other private institutions;

WHEREAS, the DOE issued Department Order No. DO2024-11-0013 providing the guidelines on the conduct of DOE's Sustainable Energy Awards for 2024;

WHEREAS, recognizing and publicizing the contribution of partners, advocates, and stakeholders in the RE sector through a program to be known as the "DOE Sustainable Energy Awards" will encourage wider adoption of best practices in the energy sector; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish and update the guidelines that will govern the transparent implementation and execution of said program.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the DOE hereby issues, adopts, and promulgates the following:

Section 1. Title. This Department Order shall be known as the "Revised Guidelines on the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards."

Section 2. Scope and Coverage. This Department Order shall govern the implementation of the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards.

Section 3. Purpose. This Department Order prescribes the mechanisms for the conduct of the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards.

Section 4. Objectives. The DOE Sustainable Energy Awards celebrates and recognizes sustainable initiatives, highlights best practices, motivates investments, and encourages further innovation in the RE sector towards the attainment of the RE targets under the NREP and the PEP.

Section 5. Award Categories. The Award Categories for the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards shall be determined and approved by the Sustainable Energy Awards Selection Committee (SEASC) based on relevant considerations such as but not limited to the sectors to be awarded, award categories, and nature of the initiatives-its contribution and impact on renewable energy development. These shall be defined and outlined in the Call for Nomination.

Section 6. Nomination and Selection Process. The DOE Sustainable Energy Awards shall follow these procedures:

a. **Call for Nominations.** The DOE, through the Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB), shall announce the official start of the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards through a Call for Nominations. The Call shall include all relevant information, such as, but not limited to, the number of awardees for each category, the criteria and scoring system, the requirements for nomination and evaluation, and the timelines for evaluation/validation, deliberation, and awarding.

b. **Intent to Join and Submission of Entries.** All interested parties shall be nominated through a letter together with the documentary requirements listed in the Call for Nominations. Only those applications with complete submissions shall be considered. Applications submitted beyond the deadline shall not be accepted. Furthermore, the DOE reserves the right to accept or reject nominations based on criteria set for each category.

c. **Desk Evaluation/Field Validation.** The Sustainable Energy Awards Validation Team (SEAVT) shall review the nominations and their supporting documents through desk evaluation and/or field validation, if necessary, based on the criteria set forth in the Call for Nominations.

d. **Final Deliberation of the Nominees.** The SEASC shall review and deliberate on the desk evaluation and/or field validation results. The deliberation results and list of awardees shall be endorsed to the Secretary for approval.

e. **Awarding.** Nominees whose endorsements for award have been approved by the Secretary shall be conferred the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards.

Section 7. Selection Committee, Validation Team, and Secretariat. To ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Department Order, the following are hereby constituted:

a. **Sustainable Energy Awards Selection Committee (SEASC).** The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Undersecretary supervising REMB
Vice Chairperson:	Assistant Secretary supervising REMB
Members:	Director, REMB
	Director, Legal Services
	Director, Financial Services

b. **Sustainable Energy Awards Validation Team (SEAVT).** The Validation Team shall be composed of the following:

Head:	Assistant Director, REMB
Members:	Chief, Biomass Energy Management Division
	Chief, Geothermal Energy Management Division
	Chief, Solar Energy Management Division
	Chief, Hydropower and Ocean Energy Management Division
	Chief, Wind Energy Management Division
	Chief, Investment Promotion Office

c. **Secretariat:** National Renewable Energy Board - Technical Services Management Division

Section 8. Roles and Functions. The SEASC and SEAVT shall have the following roles and functions:

a. **SEASC**

i. Oversee the implementation of, and monitor the activities under, this Department Order;
ii. Provide strategic direction and ensure alignment with the overall objectives of the Sustainable Energy Awards;
iii. Approve and issue the Call for Nominations, evaluation criteria, including its weight distribution, ensuring fairness and transparency; and
iv. Recommend the final list of awardees for approval by the Secretary.

b. **SEAVT**

i. Assess and evaluate applicants/entries;
ii. Conduct field validation, if necessary, to verify information for all categories;
iii. Prepare validation reports, if necessary;
iv. Recommend awardees to the SEASC;
v. Implement activities for the conduct of the Sustainable Energy Awards consistent with the direction provided by the SEASC;
vi. Lead the improvements of the guidelines, evaluation process, and other mechanisms; and
vii. Submit all relevant information and reportorial requirements, as may be required by the SEASC.

c. **Secretariat**

i. Organize committee meetings;
ii. Manage logistics and documentation of activities related to the Sustainable Energy Awards;
iii. Secure the integrity and confidentiality of all documents submitted by nominees for the conduct of review and evaluation; and
iv. Provide other administrative support as necessary.

Section 9. Evaluation Criteria. The SEAVT shall develop the evaluation criteria, scorecards, and other relevant mechanisms for the proper discharge of the functions of the SEASC and SEAVT.

Section 10. Conduct of Awards. The DOE shall, as far as practicable, conduct the Sustainable Energy Awards annually. The date of the awarding shall coincide with the celebration of the National Energy Consciousness Month (NECM).

Section 11. Special Recognition. The DOE may confer special recognition to entities that have demonstrated innovation and significant contributions to the development and promotion of sustainable RE initiatives based on the impact to the RE sector. No formal evaluation process shall be conducted in the award of Special

Recognition, however, the determination of the awardees shall be made by the SEASC and approved by the Secretary.

Section 12. Fund Sources. The fund for the DOE Sustainable Energy Awards shall be sourced from the General Appropriations Act (GAA) budget of the DOE and other sources, such as financial assistance or grants from development partners.

Section 13. Confidentiality. All submitted information and data shall be treated with utmost confidentiality and shall be used by the DOE only for monitoring, planning, policy development, and other official use. No information and data shall be used for profit in any form.

Section 14. Finality of Decision. The decision of the SEASC on the conferment of awards and recognitions shall be final and non-appealable. However, in exceptional cases, the matter may be elevated to the Secretary for final consideration.

Section 15. Sanctions for Submission of False Information. Any nominator which, upon due investigation/validation, is determined to have submitted nominations containing false or misleading information shall be proceeded against in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, and may result in disqualification of the nominee from this Award should such nominee's collusion therein be duly established. Furthermore, the actions of the nominator and/or the nominee, and the latter's subsequent disqualification shall be publicly disclosed in order to maintain the integrity of the awards program and uphold transparency.

Section 16. Repealing Clause. The provisions of other orders, issuances, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.

Section 17. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Department Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 18. Effectivity. This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary