



PRESENTATION FOR THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA)

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- The National Irrigation Administration, a government owned and controlled corporation created under Republic Act 3601 and is primarily responsible for irrigation development and management is also a corporation empowered to purchase, receive, take or grant, hold convey, lease, mortgage and otherwise deal with its own real, personal assets and properties.
- With NIA's mandate to formulate and adopt policies for the management and operation of its assets and irrigation areas, it has prescribed rules and regulations governing the manner in which it will conduct its general business, taking into consideration its primary mandate, Irrigation.
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- There are activities that were started by NIA included the determination and selection of potential and capable investor partners. In the process of accreditation of interested and adept Renewable Energy (RE) developer bulk water/ conveyance of water, aqua culture, aqua sports and eco-tourism, domestic use among others.
- NIA carefully screened and chose the qualified company partners for the projects. The task is to identify and determine potential sites for the establishment of operational mini-hydroelectric power plants in the NIA owned and administered irrigation systems and non-hydroelectric renewable energy related projects.



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- And working on NIA's mandate to include construction of multi-purpose water resources projects designed primarily for irrigation and secondarily for hydraulic power development, plans and designs of experts were consulted for plant constructions and in close coordination with other government agencies they were able to come up with viable projects.



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- As a result of this endeavor, big firms and competitive companies responded to the call of the Government and participated in the development of renewable energy and its generation.
- In response, NIA crafted the first policies and framework to promote transparency, accountability, competitiveness for and in order that NIA obtains the most reasonable benefits from the projects. NIA in its activities and programs supervise and monitor the activities.
- NIA was also asked to consider by companies with projects for eco- tourism promotions like partnerships in water sports facilities in NIA reservoir areas, beautification and development of idle lands and properties with potential partnerships with organic farm owners, among the few accepted proposals for potential projects that will help NIA to have an income generating projects which will help support its delivery of services to the Filipino farmers.



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- As a result of this endeavor, big firms and competitive companies responded to the call of the Government and participated in the development of renewable energy and its generation.
- With this, the NIA Lease Guidelines was approved thru NIA Memorandum Circular NO. 128 series of 2021 and was further strengthened by NIA MC 132 series of 2023.
- The Lease Guidelines is adopted pursuant to NIA's authority and mandate under its Charter, which shall affect future lease agreements for the purpose of advancing the agency's corporate interests through the multipurpose utilization of its irrigation facilities, properties and assets.



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- The guidelines set forth the general procedure to be observed by the Agency in entering into Lease Agreements/Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with private developers involving its properties and assets, i.e. Lands and Buildings for Commercial Purposes, Irrigation Facilities and/or Lands for Commercial Purposes, Irrigation Facilities and/or Lands for Hydropower and other Renewable Energy and Conveyance of Water for Domestic Use/Municipal Use.
- NIA's processes and guidelines aims to reflect and standardize the simple and reliable guidelines to be anchored upon by the parties. The ultimate goal is to have NIA become one of the primary government owned and controlled corporations promoting renewable energy sources and utilization in support to climate change program development in the country and government instrument ready to manage its real property assets.



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Thank you!



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