

**[ DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 27, May 16, 1991 ]**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SELECTION OF  
PRIVATE CONTRACTORS FOR THE PREPARATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Consistent with the policy of the State to ensure the sustainable development of all public forest lands by putting these areas under scientific management and pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 331 requiring that all public forests be developed, managed and utilized on a sustained yield basis with the benefit of technical forestry know-how of registered Filipino foresters, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated:

*SECTION 1. Basic Policy* — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall encourage and promote the participation of private contractors who possess the necessary forestry technical expertise in the development of forest management plans for all public forest lands.

*SECTION 2. Objectives* — These rules and regulations are promulgated in pursuance of the following objectives:

- 2.1. To provide a mechanism for the accreditation of private contractors who shall be involved in the development of forest management plans;
- 2.2. To provide a system for greater collaboration between the DENR and private sector; and
- 2.3. To ensure the development of workable, realistic and objective forest management plans.

*SECTION 3. Definition* — The following terms as used in this Order shall be understood and interpreted as hereunder defined:

3.1. **Private Contractor.** Individual contractors who are registered professional foresters and corporate contractors as exemplified by professional partnerships, corporations, non-governmental organizations and other private entities, possessing the requisite technical knowledge and capability to prepare forest management plans.

3.2. **Forest Management Plan.** A written guide for proper and systematic development, harvesting, disposition and utilization of the forest-based raw materials based on Terms of Reference agreed upon by contracting parties.

3.3. **Accreditation.** The process of evaluating, assessing and authenticating the legal personality and capability of private contractors, as supported by the required

documents prescribed in Section 8 of this Order.

**3.4. Selection.** The process of evaluating and choosing from a short-list of these private contractors the best or most suitable accredited private contractors against a set of criteria prior to entering into contract with the DENR and/or the TLA/TPSA/PTPA holder to prepare and develop forest management plans.

*SECTION 4. Who May Participate* — Private contractors may qualify to participate in the preparation and development of forest management plans, PROVIDED, however, that they should be priorly accredited by the Regional Accreditation and Evaluation Committee (RAEC) created under Section 6 of this Order.

*SECTION 5. Areas of Participation* — Accredited private contractors may enter into contract in the preparation and development of forest management plans required in the following:

5.1. Community Forestry Program (CFP);

5.2. Timber Stand Improvement or Assisted Natural Regeneration;

5.3. Forest Land Management Agreement (FLMA);

5.4. Timber License Agreement (TLA) pilot areas selected under the Natural Resources Management Program (NRMP);

5.5. Timber Production Sharing Agreement (TPSA); and

5.6. Other forestry programs that may be launched by the Department which require the preparation of forest management plans and/or forest-related development plans, e.g. watershed, industrial forest plantation, park and research development.

*SECTION 6. Regional Accreditation and Evaluation Committee* — An Accreditation and Evaluation Committee shall be created in each of the Regional Offices to be composed of the following:

Regional Technical Director for Forestry	— Chairman
Chief, Forest Resources Conservation Division	— Member
Chief, Forest Resources Development Division	— Member
PENRO concerned	— Member
CENRO concerned	— Member
Regional NGO Desk Officer-	Member

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*SECTION 7. Functions of the Committee* — The Committee shall perform the following functions:

- 7.1. Evaluate the qualifications of all interested private contractors for proper accreditation;
- 7.2. Select from the directory of accredited private contractors, the most suitable private contractor to prepare and develop forest management plans for a particular management area;
- 7.3. Following due process, withdraw accreditation of any private contractor who has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the contract that may be entered into by such party with the DENR. The Regional Committee shall immediately inform the other regional committees of accreditations withdrawn;
- 7.4. Verify documents submitted in connection with the preparation and development of forest management plans; and
- 7.5. Maintain, keep and update records of all private contractors accredited by the Committee.

The Committee shall submit to the Office of the Secretary through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Policy Studies, copy furnished the National NGO Desk Office and the National Society of Filipino Foresters a listing of the following:

- a. Accredited private contractors;
- b. Private Contractors whose accreditation have been withdrawn; and
- c. Progress Report on awarded contracts under this Order.

The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Policy Studies shall then prepare a master list of all of the above for proper monitoring and dissemination to all concerned offices.

*SECTION 8. Accreditation Requirements* — Interested and qualified private contractors shall submit the following requirements in order to be accredited:

### 8.1. Individual Contractors

- a. Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Professional forester License as supported by a valid PRC Identification Card;
- b. Society of Filipino Forester membership or identification card as a proof that he has his peers' acknowledgment of non-violation of the code of ethics for professional foresters; and
- c. Bio-data and documents to validate information contained therein.

### 8.2. Corporate Contractor