DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

| FOR/TO | : | All Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Service Directors, Project & Program Directors, and Heads of Offices DENR Central Office |
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| | | All Regional Executive Directors/Regional Directors, Bureau Directors and Heads of Attached Agencies |
| FROM | : | The Undersecretary for Management and Technical Services |
| SUBJECT | : | Advanced International Training Programme on Sustainable Agriculture in an Environmental Perspective |
| DATE | : | FEB 2 4 2004 |

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) through the NEDA Special Committee on Scholarships invites our participation in the above-mentioned training programme to be held on September 6 - October 22, 2004 in Svalov, Sweden.

The training objectives are to broaden the understanding of sustainable agriculture and the benefits of such a farming system; enhance the knowledge of ecology and agroecosystems in order to increase the participants' awareness of environmental problems; and provide tools for inclusion of sustainability aspects in agricultural planning.

Please nominate one candidate with the following general criteria:

- 1. Holding position as manager or decision maker in the area of agriculture within a national or local authority
- 2. With a university degree or equivalent theoretical background
- 3. Several years of relevant professional experience
- 4. 2 years in government service
- 5. Permanent appointment
- 6. Age requirement: no age limit

SIDA shall provide participation fee, accommodation and meals. <u>However, it will not</u> cover the airfare to and from Sweden.

The nominee must submit the following documents to the DENR Scholarship Committee through the Human Resource Development Service not later than <u>March 2, 2004</u>:

- 1. Nomination letter/Memorandum addressed to the Secretary by the Head of Office
- 2. Service Record
- 3. Certification on the following which may all be stated in one certification:
 - a. no pending administrative case
 - b. salary payment while on training
 - c. nominee's attendance to the training will not affect the operation of the unit
 - d. performance rating (adjectival and numerical) for the last two rating periods
 - e. nominee has not gone abroad within the preceding 24 months or travel histories
- 4. Certification of actual duties and responsibilities
- 5. Certified photocopy of college transcript and diploma
- 6. If married, written consent of spouse
- 7. Duly accomplished Personal Data Sheet
- 8. Certification of person/organization to fund the cost of airfare to and from Sweden

For your information and appropriate action.

