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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**  
(Except National Capital Region)

**FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Field Operations and Environment

**SUBJECT : REVISED GUIDELINES AND REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF**  
**ENTRIES FOR THE 2021 SEARCH FOR THE R.I.V.E.RS FOR**  
**LIFE AWARD**

**DATE : DEC 06 2021**

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Provided herewith is the revised Guidelines for the 2021 Search for the R.I.V.E. Rs for Life (Recognizing Individuals/Institutions towards Vibrant and Enhanced Rivers) Award.

Entries to be submitted to the Rivers for Life Award must be:

- *Class C classified Rivers only;*
- *Endorsed by DENR Regional Executive Director; and*
- *Entries must be accompanied by video documentation and/or drone shot of the chosen river*

Relative thereto, you are hereby directed to submit your respective nominees to the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment not later than January 15, 2021. For those that have already initially submitted their entries may opt to resubmit or comply with the additional requirements based on the revised guidelines.

For strict compliance.

  
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**ANNEX B**  
**Criteria on the Search for**  
**Recognizing Individuals/Institutions towards Vibrant and Enhanced Rivers**  
**(R.I.V.E.Rs) for Life Award**

Name of Class C River: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location (Municipality and Province): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of River: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Geographic Position of River (Coordinates): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/ies and Municipality/ies Covered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of the River (Attach a NAMRIA map with 1:50,000 scale)**

Development Partners (Private/Public/Individuals): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Numbers/Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LGU Partner/s and other partners: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Duration of Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of River Management Council or Equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (use separate sheet if necessary)

**1. Water Quality Improvement and Aesthetics (35%)**

- a) Geotagged Photo of the River (10 points)   
 (High Resolution in jpeg format before and after photo indicating dates and taken at the same angle. If possible monthly photos to better appreciate progress in the interventions being implemented)
- Pic with geotagged before and after 10 pts  
 Pic without geotagged (with before and after) 7 pts  
 Pic with before and after photo (not geotagged) 5 pts  
 Pic only (not before and after and not geotagged) 2 pts
- b) Improvement/within water quality criteria (in terms of DISSOLVED OXYGEN, BIO-CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND). (50 points)
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| WQ (above standards) DO > 5.1 and BOD < 6.9             | 50 pts |
| WQ (within standards) DO = 5 and BOD = 7                | 40 pts |
| WQ (slightly below standard) DO 3 ≤ 4.9 and BOD 7.1 ≥ 8 | 20 pts |
| Below WQ Standard                                       | 10 pts |
- c) Well-maintained river with flowing water. (If possible, determine discharge flow "Q") (15 points)
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| No visible floating debris and unsilted   | 15 pts |
| With minimal floating debris and unsilted | 10 pts |
| Very visible floating debris and unsilted | 5 pts  |
| Silted and or with floating debris        | 0 pts  |

- d) Presence of infrastructure/engineering interventions (e.g. greening, dredging, riprapping, linear parks, etc.). (Attach documentation of such including plan, map, photos, attendance, and reports, if any) (25%)

Presence of Three (3) of Infra/Engineering Intervention with documentation  
25 pts

Presence of Two (2) of Infra/Engineering Intervention with documentation  
15 pts

Presence of One (1) of Infra/Engineering Intervention with documentation  
10 pts

## 2. Solid Waste Management System (30%)

- a) Presence of an Approved 10-year SWM Plan of the area (Attach NSWMC Resolution) (20 pts)

With approved 10 year plan	20 pts
Submitted but not yet approved	10 pts
Draft plan not yet submitted	0 pts

- b) Adoption and implementation of a city/municipal/barangay ordinance on anti-dumping and littering. (20 pts)

Adoption and implementation of ordinance 20 pts  
(Attach copy of the ordinance and submit record of violator's name vis-à-vis penalty-imposed, if any)

Adoption of ordinance (Not implemented)	10 pts
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No ordinance	0%
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- c) Regular collection of wastes in the communities. (Cite method of collection collection service area, schedule and volume collected) (20 pts)

Presence of regular collection of wastes	20 pts
With irregular collection of waste	10 pts
No waste collection	0 pts

- d) Presence of a working Materials Recovery Facility or System (such as link up with junkshop on the selling of recyclables). (20 pts)

With a working MRF and with records of waste collected 20 pts  
(Attach MRF project description including process flow, drawings, pictures, and volume of waste collected per type)

No MRF but Link up with Junk shop 10 pts  
(Submit list of existing junk shop operators within the area and corresponding volume of recyclables collected per type/month)

Without a working MRF or link up with junkshop 0 pts

e) Access to sanitary landfill or 20 pts  
Presence of a properly managed Residual Containment Area  
(in accordance with the 10-Year SWM plan Timeline)

No access to SLF or RCA operation not in accordance 0%  
with 10-Year SWM plan timeline

### 3. Program Sustainability (35%)

#### 3.1 Partnership/Community Mobilization (15%)

a) Sustained partnership and community mobilization activities since the adoption of the river. (Attach MOA, partnership agreements, photo-documentations, reports, and attendance) (25 pts)

- Partnership is evidenced by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Undertaking (MOU); or other similar partnership agreements 10 pts

- Conduct of mobilization activities with supporting documents (i.e. attendance sheet, geotagged photos, etc) 10 pts

- With Reports prepared 5 pts

b) Presence of livelihood programs in the community/ies. (Attach list of programs including names of stakeholders, women participation is evident) (25 pts)

- Presence of livelihood programs related to solid waste management, waste diversion, urban gardening and the like; 25 pts

- No livelihood program introduced. 0 pts

c) Presence of an active River Management Council or similar organization. (Attach list of existing Management Council/organization including its members, responsibilities, documented projects/interventions and other innovative actions that would encourage sustainability) (25 pts)

- Pertinent documents related to the creation of the River Management Council or a similar organization; 10 pts

- Resolutions issued related to PPA for river management 5 pts
- Implementation of the approved PPA or any other related river management activities 10 pts

d. Development of Innovative and Creative River Management Techniques since the start of the program – e.g. revegetation/ reforestation, other erosion minimization techniques, vetiver grass planting, use of Bokashi balls, among others) (Attach innovation(s) conducted to sustain river management – Note: These innovations and techniques are community initiated and are not included in their target PPAs issued by the River Management Council or similar organization) (25 pts)

- With 2 or more innovative and creative management techniques – 25 pts
- With 1 innovative and creative management technique – 10 pts
- No innovative and creative management technique – 0 pts

### 3.2 Leadership Commitment (15%)

a) Evidence of strong commitment and leadership of local chief executives in the area to help promote the preservation of the waterbody

- Networking and linkaging with other organizations (public and private companies, academe, NGOs and other stakeholders) leading to outsourcing of assistance thru funds, technical supports, etc. (50 pts)
  - Proof of partnership (presence of MOA or other relevant documents) or Presence of proposed/approved WFP and/or timeline of the project 50 pts
  - No documents 0 pts
- Participation in other River Management activities/seminars/workshops that may contribute to the effective and sustainable management of the river. (Joining on these activities are self-initiated and are outside their regular functions) (50 pts)
  - Reports (40 pts)
    - With recommendations and plans 40 pts
    - Without recommendation 20 pts
    - No reports prepared 0 pts
  - Certificate of Attendance/Participation (10 pts)
    - With Certificate 10 pts
    - Without Certificate 0 pts

### 3.3 Effective Communication (5 %)

a) Establishment of an effective communication strategy (presence of a public address system for announcement; presence of signages and information materials on anti-littering and/or anti-dumping to increase awareness and heighten community engagement.

- Introduced 1 or more communication strategy(ies) (e.g. signages, online awareness) and intervention (e.g seminars, trainings, lecture, dialogue) as evidenced with supporting documentation reports, geotagged photos, attendance sheets, etc. 5 pts
- No communication strategy introduced 0 pts