



31 August 2022

Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin
President
Visayas State University

Thru: The Board of Management - IGP

Dear Dr. Tulin:

We received a Purchase Order in April 2022 from the City Government of Baybay through Alternative Mode of Procurement (Agency to Agency), for the delivery of about 10,000 abaca tissue cultured plantlets at **Php 45.00 per plantlet**, amounting to **Four hundred fifty thousand pesos (Php450,000.00)**. However, due to the pandemic, the operation of our Tissue Culture Laboratory has been affected. Likewise, the TC lab is housed temporarily at the Center's old training hall since the new TC laboratory in the new Building (NARC-Annex) is not yet functional. With these, we cannot deliver the materials on the suggested delivery date reflected in the signed PO (See attached sheet – signed PO).

However, the project in-charge agreed that instead of TC plantlets they will accept abaca suckers with the adjusted number of planting materials since it is a little bit cheaper than the TC plantlets. They even mentioned that the money of the project were already downloaded in their office and they need to implement the program before December 2022.

In this connection, we would like to request from your good office to allow us to make a purchase request of 12,860 abaca suckers (var. Inosa) from the Abaca Farmers Association in Sogod, Southern Leyte at Php24 per planting material. This will be done following the procedure of the VSU Procurement Office through the Alternative Mode of procurement i.e. *Community Partnership*. Furthermore, we would like to ask of allowing us to lend from the IGP-CBU funds in the amount of Three-hundred eight thousand - six hundred forty pesos only (**Php308,640**) to be used as seed money for the said transaction and commitment. All the money generated and collected from the said engagement will be deposited to **STF-UP 90-NARC-Rooted Abaca** (See attached estimates for the money generated of the said transaction).

Very truly yours,

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Director, NARC



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