

Chapter 9

Review & Endorsement of Programs and Projects Requiring RDC Endorsement

RDC review and endorsement of projects (eligible for national government funding or guarantee) is secured to ensure that projects have gone through the required consultation at the local level and that these are supported by endorsements of the concerned municipal, city, and provincial development councils.

For projects to be eligible for national government funding or guarantees, these should be in the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP).

RDC Endorsement Coverage

1. Projects as may be determined by the ICC to require RDC endorsement as a condition for its full approval pursuant to EO 325, s. 1996.
2. Projects under existing laws, rules and regulations as follows:
 - a. Official Development Assistance projects requiring National Government borrowing or guarantee
 - b. Joint Venture projects with government contribution amounting to PHP150 million and above
 - c. Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects of the national government costing above PHP300 million
 - d. LGU projects for BOT financing costing PHP50 million up to PHP200 million
3. Projects as may be required by agencies, other government branch, or funding entities to secure RDC endorsement as a condition for their approval.

Submission of Proposal

Proponents seeking RDC endorsement of their program/projects submits the following:

1. Letter stating, among others:
 - a. requested RDC action (i.e., endorsement or confirmation)

- b. recipient of the RDC action (i.e., ICC or implementing agency)
 - c. expected action from the recipient entity (e.g., funding, implementation, etc.)
2. Comprehensive project profile/ detailed project proposal/ pre-feasibility study or feasibility study of a project depending on the requirement of the recipient entity.

For PAPs required by ICC to secure RDC endorsement, the proponent shall comply with the ICC Guidelines and requisite documents that can be accessed at <http://www.neda.gov.ph/investment-coordination-committee/>.

3. Appropriate copy of endorsement of concerned municipal, city, and provincial development council/s and/or governing board/s.

RDC Project Evaluation and Endorsement Process

The process of RDC project evaluation and endorsement shall involve the following steps:

1. Evaluation of the Proposal by NEDA
 - a. NEDA conducts a quick review of the documents and within three days informs the proponent of the result of such review.

If submission is incomplete, proponent will be advised to provide the additional information asked for.
 - b. NEDA prepares a Project Evaluation Report (PER).
 - c. Within 20 days, NEDA informs proponent of its comments and recommendations in the PER.
 - d. The proponent is invited to present the project in a SECCOM meeting.
2. Evaluation and Endorsement of the Concerned SECCOM
 - a. The project and PER are presented for review of its members.
 - b. The SECCOM decides on the merit of the project, if it is (i) endorsed to RDC Full Council for confirmation, (ii) endorsed to RDC Full Council subject to compliance to certain conditions of the SECCOM, or (iii) deferred pending compliance to SECCOM conditions, i.e., submission of additional requirements or information.

Only projects favorably endorsed by the SECCOM are discussed in the RDC Full Council.

3. Review and endorsement by the RDC Full Council
 - a. Projects are presented/discussed by the SECCOM Chairperson. During discussions, invited proponents may be asked to respond to clarifications as needed.
 - b. The RDC Full Council shall decide to confirm or defer action on the SECCOM's project endorsement.
 - c. For RDC-endorsed projects, a signed resolution shall be issued to the project proponent.