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The Department of Science and Technology, Regional Office No. IX (DOST-IX) is one of the 16 regional offices of the Department and Technology (DOST).

It has three (3) major functions:

- Carry out laws, rules, regulations, policies, plans, programs, and projects of the Department;
- Provide effective and efficient Science and Technology (S&T) services to the people in the region; and
- Coordinate with other government agencies and local government units in the region on S&T matters.

DOST-IX emerged from the creation of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) by a series of agency reorganizations beginning in 1982 to provide effective response to scientific and technological needs of the country.

On March 17, 1982, the National Science Development Board (NSDB) became the National Science and Technology Authority (NSTA). NSTA in turn moved up five years later, becoming the Department of Science and Technology on January 30, 1987, via Executive Order No. 128.



DOST's functions were expanded to:


- support local scientific and technological efforts;
- develop local capability to achieve technological self-reliance;
- promote public and private sector partnership in S&T activities; and
- encourage the private sector to take on a greater role in research and development activities.

These formed the umbrella mandate from which DOST regional office functions emanated. DOST's S&T service network was expanded on July 31, 1990, when Republic Act 6959 established Provincial Science and Technology Centers (PSTCs) in every province of the country. Three were set up in Region IX – one each in Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay.

DOST IX VISION 2022

As the science, technology, and innovation leader for the women and men of Western Mindanao, is a nationally recognized benchmark for performance excellence.

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STRATEGIC GOALS FOR S&T



To realize this vision, the following goals shall be pursued over the short, medium, and long-term:

- Responsive leadership in S&T-based innovation and service yields customer empowerment and loyalty;
- Continuous improvement of work processes and environment leads to operational excellence;
- Promotion of learning capacities and culture induces proactive organizational transformation; and
- Judicious management of fiscal resources achieves financial sustainability.

RATIONALIZED CORE FUNCTIONS

In accordance with the mandate of law and in response to the identified needs of the specific regions, the Regional Offices of the DOST are tasked to:

1. Formulate and implement a regional S&T Plan consistent with and supportive of the regional and national S&T development thrusts;
2. Plan and implement S&T services such as testing and calibration services, human resource development particularly at the high school and undergraduate levels, S&T advocacy, and information dissemination;
3. Assist technology-based enterprises in the regions to improve their productivity and enhance their competitiveness in both local and international markets through better product / service quality and standards;
4. Monitor and coordinate programs and projects of DOST Councils, Institutes, and other attached agencies in the region; and
5. Develop institutional linkages with regional offices and other agencies, local governments, and private organizations or entities for the effective planning and implementation of S&T programs in the region.

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