

FICS FOOD innovation CENTERS

Why establish FICs?

Food Innovation Centers or FICs aim to provide the local food industry efficient and modern food processing equipment in order to enhance their product quality and speed up their production. At the end, FICs will enable them to improve their value chain activities thus reducing their costs and increasing their profits.

A springboard of the DOST-High Impact Technology and Services (HITS) project called Roll-Out of the DOST-designed Food Processing Equipment to the Regions, FICs currently provide use of four equipment, namely, water retort, vacuum fryer, freeze dryer, and spray dryer. A fifth, the vacuum packaging machine, will be deployed later.

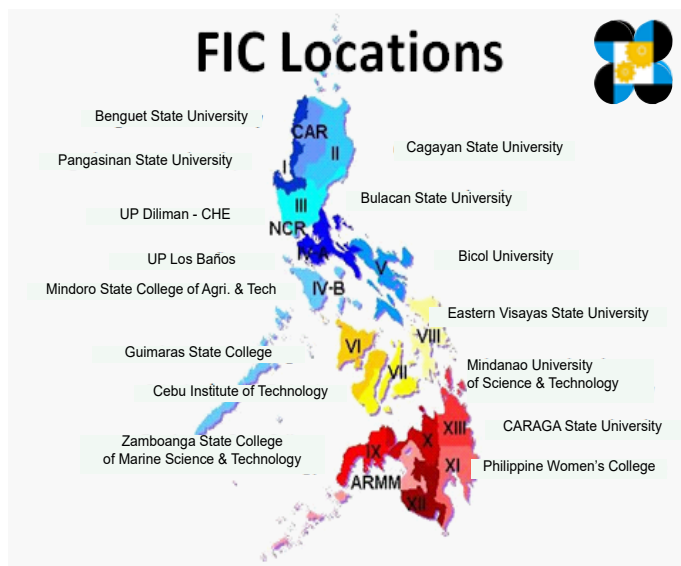
The DOST-HITS Roll-Out project is implemented by a multi-agency team composed of the:

- Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI);
- Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC);
- Project Management and Engineering Design Services Office (PMEDSO); and the
- Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD).

The team works in collaboration with DOST Regional Offices, state universities and colleges, and the private sector.

Six regional FICs currently serve as facilities for product prototyping and market sample preparation, as well as, source of expert assistance in food regulatory requirements compliance. ITDI, as the Main FIC, leads regional centers in product prototype development and functions as overseer. DOST-HITS plans to operationalize 11 more regional centers in 2016.

Serving as one-stop food research and development facilities, FICS provide local food processors opportunity to innovate on old products, produce new ones, or create new benefits to agricultural and fishery resources.



Location of Operational FICS

Regional Location	Site	Status
MAIN	Food Processing Division Industrial Technology Development Institute Taguig City	Site undergoing renovation
Region II	Cagayan State University – Carig Campus Tuguegarao City	Operational
National Capital Region	UP Diliman-College of Human Ecology Quezon City	Operational
Region VI	Guimaras State University Buenavista	Operational Preparing for opening/ launching
Region VIII	Eastern Visayas State University Tacloban City	Operational
Region X	University of Science and Technology Cagayan de Oro City	Operational
Region XI	Philippine Women's College Davao City	Operational

In the Pipeline

Cordillera Autonomous Region	Benguet State University La Trinidad	Site due for renovation
Region 1	Pangasinan State University-Bayambang Campus, Bayambang	Site due for renovation
Region III	Bulacan State University- Main Campus Malolos	
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	University of the Philippines at Los Baños College	Site due for renovation
Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)	Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology Victoria	waiting DOST- developed FPE
Region V	Bicol University, Legaspi City	Site due for renovation
Region VII	Region VII, Cebu Institute of Technology- University, Cebu City	
Region IX	Zamboanga State College of Marine Science and Technology, Zamboanga City	Site being renovated
Region XII (SOCCSK-SARGEN)	DOST Regional Office No. XII Cotabato City	
Region XIII	CARAGA State University, Butuan City	Site due for renovation

