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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND CITY DIRECTORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPETITIVENESS INDEX (CMCI)

The creation of the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) through Executive Order No. 44 series of 2011 mandates the development of strategies and programs to improve the country's global competitiveness ranking. The government recognizes that to fully account for the country's competitiveness ranking, it must capture the full impact of economic growth and competitiveness of the country at the local level. In particular, cities and municipalities are at the forefront of the delivery of services, infrastructure and activities that signify economic growth. A core strategy in converging the national and local drive for competitiveness is the creation of Regional Competitiveness Committees (RCCs) under the Regional Development Councils (RDCs).

The National Competitiveness Council (NCC) has developed the Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI), with the Regional Competitiveness Committees (RCCs), to monitor local economic development and determine the competitiveness rankings of cities and municipalities. The CMCI is a template of indicators selected and agreed upon by the NCC and its RCCs to measure local competitiveness in factors such as but not limited to economic dynamism, government efficiency and infrastructure, thus all City and Municipal Mayors are enjoined to participate and support the conduct of CMCI activity.


Particularly, all Cities and Municipalities are expected to:

1. Designate focal person/s to coordinate the preparation of data needed for the competitiveness ranking;
2. Process data from the Mayor's Permit application form that will be submitted to RCCs through the appointed research institutions;
3. Provide relevant and updated data from Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS) and Sparkbiz, the portal DILG developed to gather the information requirement of the competitiveness assessment;
4. Extend necessary assistance and ensure that research institutions are given support in the course of data gathering through a resolution; and
5. Provide Research Institutions access to the data of the LGU in regard to infrastructure, economic dynamism and government efficiency.

Research Institutions as may be identified by the RCCs shall conduct the data gathering activities.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their respective jurisdictions and provide necessary technical assistance to ensure LGU compliance to this Memorandum Circular.

For the guidance of all concerned.


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