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TO

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, CITY MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS

AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AWARDS 2019: LGUs' BEST

PRACTICES IN ICT, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2019

The National ICT Confederation of the Philippines (NICP), together with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), will be conducting the 8th Digital Governance Awards 2019: LGUs' Best Practices in ICT, to be held on November 26, 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, Metro Manila.

The objective of said awards is to encourage the effective and efficient utilization of information and communications technology (ICT) in the delivery of services and performance of duties and responsibilities by local government units (LGUs). It also aims to commend and collate best practices of LGUs in integrating ICT in their processes to serve as example and benchmarks to other LGUs, to improve local business ecosystem motivating the private/business sector to actively participate and/or invest in the growth of the LGUs, and to promote transparency in local governance.

Moreover, said awards aims to recognize six (6) major categories as follows:

- 1. The Best in eGOV Customer Empowerment (G2C) Award recognizes the measurable effect of an LGU's outstanding practices using ICT solutions in the education and engagement of the public and in the use of electronic facilities and channels towards providing improved, timely, and relevant delivery of public services.
- 2. The Best in eGOV Business Empowerment (G2B) Award cites the significant effect of an LGU's laudable practices in integrating ICT solutions and the commitment of its administration in the LGU's responsiveness to the needs of business enterprises, thereby creating business opportunities.
- 3. The Best in eGOV Government Inter-Operability Empowerment (G2G) Award - recognizes the valuable impact of an LGU's initiative to connect data and systems with other government offices, both national and local for

the convenience of their constituents and to improve its public service delivery.

- 4. The Best in eGOV Digital Finance Empowerment (G2P) Award commends the initiative of an LGU to promote e-commerce or e-payment facilities and systems to ensure effective revenue generation and collection and improving the over-all financial management of the LGU as well as giving convenience to the public.
- 5. The Best in eGOV Data-Driven Governance (D2G) Award cites the efforts of an LGU in recognizing that good governance through ICT goes with the fair and responsible processing of data, using effective egovernance for convenience and better services through the free flow of information while ensuring that personal data is protected.
- 6. The Best in eGOV Systems for Global Competitiveness (G2W) Award cites the efforts of an LGU in developing world class systems in using ICT that are at par with international or internationally-recognized standards, thus making the LGU globally competitive, recognized, and virtually accessible and interactive.

Nominations for the Digital Governance Awards is open to all LGUs such as province, city, and municipality. Only one (1) project per LGU can be nominated for each of the 6 categories. Nomination forms and mechanics can be downloaded from www.nicp.org.ph/DGAwards. Deadline of entries is on or before August 31, 2019.

In this connection, all LGUs are encouraged to attend/participate to the abovementioned activity on official business. The payment of registration fee (if any), applicable travelling expenses and per diems may be authorized, chargeable against local government funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For further inquiries, interested parties may contact the project secretariat, Ms Joanne Phillips / Mr. Arrish Altavano through mobile number +63917 349 1747, telephone number (+632) 636 7090, email at egov@nicp.org.ph, or FB page at www.facebook.com/DGAwards.

All DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to LGUs within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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