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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2020-093

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS; PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG BAYAN; PUNONG BARANGAYS; CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTER OF BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED

ATTN : DILG REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL CITY DIRECTORS AND ALL CITY / MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS

SUBJECT : ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONWIDE FIBER OPTIC CABLE NETWORK PROJECT ("THE PROJECT")

DATE : 17 JUN 2020

One of the basic services that shall be delivered to the people is information and communications technology ("ICT") service. The President said on July 25, 2016 that he would like the Department of Information and Communications Technology ("DICT") to "develop a national broadband plan to accelerate the deployment of fiber optics cables and wireless technologies to improve internet speed."

The Project has been commenced by PFOCN to improve the overall infrastructure development and communication services quality in the Philippines and support the National Broadband Network ("NBN") plan. The neutral, high capacity, superior quality, secure and scalable fiber network solutions provided by PFOCN will be used by all ICT industry participants, as well as government and private enterprises in the Philippines.

On January 4, 2018, the DILG, together with the Department of Public Works and Highways ("DPWH"), DICT, and the Department of Trade and Industry ("DTI"), signed a joint memorandum circular to streamline the application process for the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy.

The DILG has encouraged all LGUs to support the NBN and likewise requested their cooperation to the Project implemented by PFOCN. LGUs in both underserved and unserved areas are in the best position to help the country in catching up with other countries in terms of quality of internet services. With better, timely, and

more affordable ICT services that meets global standards, the local business climate will be improved through the active participation of the private and public business sectors in ICT activities.

The Project has been registered with BOI on a **Pioneer status** on October 21, 2019 and is currently going through the process of obtaining licenses, permits, approvals, clearances, including but not limited to Right of Way and Excavation Permit, from LGUs, with the following scope of works:

1. Underground installation of Fiber Optic Cable (Using HDD/Open trench)
2. Installation of Manhole/Handhole
3. Splicing and Testing
4. Restoration and Clearing
5. Bridge Attachment

To speed up the implementation of the Project so improvements in ICT services and internet connectivity in the country could be felt by people at local level the soonest and in compliance with the Ease of Doing Business Act, **all LGUs are hereby advised to give PFOCN full support and assistance**, including but not limited to:

1. Supporting, cooperating, and committing to the Project; along with offering supporting policies to the Project;
2. Fast-tracking the process of obtaining relevant licenses, permits, approvals, and clearances for the Project in accordance with applicable rules and regulations;
3. Extending the needed/necessary support to PFOCN in terms of communicating/negotiating/coordinating with councilors, barangay officials and landowners;
4. Other endorsement from LGUs to the Project;
5. Other possible conveniences to promote and facilitate the Project.

Only through a collaborative approach can we provide a synergized and a globally competitive environment powered by new technologies.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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Secretary



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