



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. ____

____, 2017

- TO** : All Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices and other Agencies of the National Government, including State Universities and Colleges, and Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations, the Congress, the Judiciary, Constitutional Commissions, and the Office of the Ombudsman
- SUBJECT** : Extension of the Coverage of the Government-wide Medium-term Information and Communications Technology Harmonization Initiative (MITHI) and Reconstitution of the MITHI Steering Committee (MSC)
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1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

- 1.1 Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2012-01 dated November 28, 2012 of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-ICTO), and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) initiated the conduct of the Government-Wide Medium-Term Information and Communications Technology Harmonization Initiative (MITHI) for FY 2014 to 2016 to ensure the coherence of ICT programs and projects and the consistency of the same with the five (5) Key Result Areas (KRAs) of the Administration – as laid out in EO No. 43 – and the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 towards improving public sector productivity and service delivery.
- 1.2 Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10844 on the creation of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and the subsequent abolition of the ICTO and the transfer of its powers and functions to the DICT, the chairmanship of the MITHI Steering Committee (MSC) shall be transferred to the DICT.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 This Joint Memorandum Circular extends the coverage of MITHI to FYS 2017 to 2019.

2.2 Further, this Circular also reconstitutes the MSC and transfers its chairmanship to the DICT.

3. COVERAGE

3.1 This Circular covers all Departments and Agencies, and Government-Owned or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) of the National Government.

3.2 The Congress, Judiciary, Constitutional Commissions, the Office of the Ombudsman, and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) are encouraged to participate in the processes pertinent to MITHI.

3.3 This Circular covers the implementation of MITHI for FYs 2017 to 2019.

4. CONSTITUENT UNITS

4.1 Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall ensure the effective development and implementation of the MITHI by, among others:

- Formulating and implementing policies and strategies in relation to MITHI;
- Facilitating the compilation of an inventory of existing, ongoing, and proposed ICT programs and projects; and requisitions of ICT resources;
- Rationalizing the inventories and translating the same into a strategic e-Government Master Plan;
- Updating the strategic e-Government Master Plan;
- Ensuring budgetary support for the ICT resources and programs and projects which have been prioritized based on the e-Government Master Plan; and
- Formulating criteria for the evaluation, monitoring, and review of the ICT programs and projects.

The Steering Committee shall be comprised of:

- Chairperson *Undersecretary for Development and Innovations*
Department of Information and Communications
Technology
- Vice-Chairperson *Assistant Secretary and Chief Information Officer*
Department of Budget and Management
- Members *Undersecretary for Management and Operations*
Department of Information and Communications
Technology

Assistant Secretary
Department of Budget and Management

Director
National Economic and Development Authority

4.2 Advisory Members

The Advisory Members shall extend technical and other relevant support to aid the Steering Committee in the fulfillment of their roles with respect to MITHI.

<i>Private Sector Chairman</i>	National Competitiveness Council
<i>President</i>	Chief Information Officers Forum, Inc.
<i>President</i>	Philippine Association of Government Electronic Engineers, Inc.

Other ICT organizations may also be invited to participate as advisory members and serve as technical experts.

4.3 Technical Working Group

The Technical Working Group shall provide the necessary technical and informational support to the Steering Committee in relation to MITHI.

The Technical Working Group, headed by the MITHI Project Manager, shall be composed of designated personnel from:

- Department of Information and Communications Technology
- Department of Budget and Management
- National Economic and Development Authority

4.4 Secretariat

The Secretariat, also supervised by the MITHI Project Manager, shall provide the necessary logistical, informational, and documentary assistance to the Steering Committee, Technical Working Group and the Participating Agencies in relation to MITHI.

The Secretariat shall be comprised of the designated personnel/units from the Department of Information and Communications Technology.

5. REPEALING CLAUSE

5.1 All orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

6. EFFECTIVITY

6.1 This Circular shall take effect immediately.

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