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## **eGovernment Excellence Award 2017 Nomination Deadline Extended to 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017** – The Organizing Committee of the eGovernment Excellence Award 2017 – held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak AlKhalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information & Communication Technology (SCICT) – announced that nomination period and registration of work has extended to 13<sup>th</sup> July. This came about to provide more time for entities wishing to participate and improve their submitted work as well as present it at its best.

Participants may submit their work on the award's official website [www.egovaward.bh](http://www.egovaward.bh) which contains all the details associated with the categories, criteria and method of registering work online.

Held annually under the patronage of the Deputy Prime Minister as one of the initiatives which aim at valuing national initiatives in the ICT field; it provides participants with the opportunity to assess their work by jury members who represent a group of local, regional and international experts who also own many years of experience in the ICT sector. Jury's diversity of specializations ensures objectivity in the assessing mechanism and allows participants to develop their work as well as enhance it according to the latest IT advancements to become of the highest quality and adequate to strongly compete with similar projects in a rapidly evolving sector.

In this regard, Information & eGovernment Authority Enterprise Architecture & Information Technology Director as well as Award's Organizing Committee Chairman Dr. Khalid Ahmed AlMutawah stressed that during the past eight years, the award was able to create a local weight for itself amongst interested individuals and entities working in the IT sector. This is especially since government entities have been demanding to hold such an award as the honoring of entities reflects the quality of work and possession of local faculties capable of professionally dealing with technology to become involved in providing government services which benefits a large number of audience. He further added that based on these requests, the award is being held this year in its 9<sup>th</sup> edition and nomination period has been extended so as to enable these entities to provide their work in the best manner that meets all the requirements.

Entities can register in various categories - Government Awards categories comprise 'Best eGovernment Website', 'Best Government-to-Government eService', 'Best Practice in Community eParticipation', and 'Best eGovernment Integrated Services for Individuals or Businesses'. While Multi Sectors Awards categories encompass 'Best Application for Smart Devices'; combined with Citizen Awards categories of both 'Best eConcept' and 'eCitizen' which reflects the extent of the public's confidence in the eServices presented by the Information & eGovernment Authority based on a large number of transactions conducted electronically by winners along with the large amounts of payments paid online as service fees.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak AlKhalifa - Deputy Prime Minister and SCICT Chairman – will honor winners with the awards during the event's ceremony which will be announced at a later stage.

For those interested in nominating their work and for obtaining more details or enquiries, please visit the award website on [www.egovaward.bh](http://www.egovaward.bh), contact us via the National Contact Center on 8000 8001 or email [egovaward@iga.gov.bh](mailto:egovaward@iga.gov.bh).

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