

# **Dedicated Team of Local and Foreign Experts**

## **Evaluation for eGovernment Excellence Award 2010 to commence**

The Jury for the Bahrain eGovernment Excellence Award 2010, organized by the eGovernment Authority under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology, commenced the evaluation process, of qualified participants whom submitted their projects.

The jury is comprised of local and foreign experts who have been selected based on their experience in the field of information and communication technology headed by Mrs. Julia Glidden, Managing Director of XXIc Consulting, the jury of 8 includes from Bahrain: Dr. Mohammed Baqer, Assistant Professor at Department of Computer Engineering College, at the University of Bahrain, Dr. Adel Ismail Al Al-Alawi, Vice President at the ISACA (Bahrain), Dr. Ahmed Azzam Al Masri, Deputy Director for Academic affairs, Arab Open University, Dr. Tariq Al-Sindi, Director of Higher Education Review Unit,, and Mr. Mazen Al Haddad, Managing Director of the Elephant Talk Middle East and Africa Holding, , from Kuwait: Dr. Salah Rashid Al Najem Consultant at the Central Informatics Technology , from UAE: Eng. Abdul Kader Kamali, President and Research Director of the (MADAR Research) Dubai Media City.

Members of the Jury discussed during their meeting each project separately to ensure matching the specified criteria and to measure the level of success for each application.

The registration for the public and private sectors deadline was April 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 and winners of the Award shall be announced during the official opening ceremony of the Bahrain International eGovernment Forum 2010 on 17<sup>th</sup> May, by H.H. Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister.

The award is allocated to a number of categories divided into three sections, which include: 6 categories for the ministries and governmental entities (Best eContent, Best eService, Best eMaturity, Best eProject, eEconomy award and eEducation award). It contains 3 categories for the Private Sector (Best ICT Solutions Provider, eEconomy award and eEducation award), as well as two categories for individuals (eCitizen award, Best eConcept).

The eGovernment Excellence Award is held for the third time in a row aiming to encourage the excellence in the field of ICT and develop it in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Award is a very good opportunity for participating countries to measure quality and evaluate the efficiency of government electronic services provided to the public. As well as to raise the status of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the rest of the GCC countries among world advanced countries in the field of egovernance and enhance their international ranking in this field.

For more information please visit the official website of the eGovernment Excellence Award: <a href="https://www.egovawards.bh">www.egovawards.bh</a>

#### **About eGovernment Authority Bahrain**

The eGovernment Authority (eGA) was established by Royal Decree 69 in August 2007. Reporting to the Cabinet, the eGA aims to coordinate and execute e-government initiatives in line with the strategies, plans, and programs set by the Supreme Council for Information Communication Technology (SCICT), headed by HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The eGA's role entails everything from proposing overall policies and appropriate legislations to the SCICT for approval to overseeing the execution of the approved SCICT programs. This includes suggesting required IT programs, facilitating communications and services between all government entities, opening new e-channels for e-government services, and offering technical and knowledge-based support to the ministries and other government entities.

Currently, the eGA is working on executing the plans contained within Bahrain's e-government strategy to achieve the ambitious Bahraini e-initiatives, as well as offering 200 basic governmental services electronically via various communication channels within 3 years to all citizens, residents, and businesses of Bahrain.

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