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eGovernment Excellence Award 2013 Deadline Extended

Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain 20th February, 2013 - In response to the demand of potential innovative participants and in a bid to allow an opportunity for the maximum number of applications, the organizing committee of the *eGovernment Excellence Award 2013* announced that the registration deadline of the award has been extended to February 28th 2013. The awarding ceremony is organized under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology (SCICT).

The announcement came after receiving numerous requests to extend the deadline, which was intended to be on February 21st.

The organizing committee urged all citizens, employees of the public and private sectors along with NGO's to take this opportunity and register in this year's eGovernment Excellence Award before the end of the new deadline - 28th February.

The eGovernment Excellence Award 2013 organizing committee is keen to select the award's jury committee members from local, regional and international acclaimed experts who are well-recognized in the fields of Information and Communication Technology; the names of the members are to be announced as soon as registration period ends.

The selected winners will be announced and honored during the opening of *Bahrain International eGovernment Forum 2013* by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed, who is also patronizing the annual forum.

This year's award consists of ten categories divided into three entities - *Government* and *Multi-Sectors* as well as *Individuals*. The *Government* sector comprises four categories - Best eContent, Best eService, eMaturity and Best eProject. The *Multi-Sector* includes four - Best ICT Solutions Provider, eEconomy, eEducation and eNGOs. The *Individuals* category contains two - eCitizen and Best eConcept.

The winner of the *eCitizen* award will be selected based on the highest number of transactions achieved and the highest value of financial transactions achieved via the eGovernment portal throughout one year.

For more information on the eGovernment Excellence Award 2013 or participation, please visit www.egovaward.bh.

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About eGovernment Authority

The eGovernment Authority (eGA) was established in August 2007 by Royal Decree No (69). Reporting to the Cabinet, the eGA is responsible for coordinating and executing e-government initiatives in line with the strategies, plans, and programs set by the Supreme Council for Information Communication Technology (SCICT), headed by HH 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 eGovernment 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 eGovernment strategy to achieve the ambitious Bahraini e-initiatives, it offers over 250 governmental services electronically via various communication channels within 3 years to all citizens, residents, and businesses of Bahrain.

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