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PSA Approves the Conduct of the Nationwide Baseline Survey on Market Competition among Firms, National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs)

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On 04 December 2017, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) approved the conduct of the National Baseline Survey on Market Competition among Firms, National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) by the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) in partnership with the All-Asian Centre for Enterprise Development (ASCEND), Inc.

The survey aims to gather baseline information on respondent's knowledge, perception and attitudes on market competition, as well as their awareness of the existence of the PCC and its mandate.

Major data items that will be collected from the survey include the following:

- Company profile (number of employees, broad sector classification)
- Respondent's profile (tenure and position in the company)
- Knowledge, awareness, perception and attitude on market competition

A total of 1,200 enterprises from major industry groups; (1) agriculture, (2) industry, and (3) services, and 700 NGAs, GOCCs and LGUs are to be selected to participate in the survey to be undertaken from 15 January to 12 March 2018. The survey will utilize a budget of Php 8.91 million for printing services, maintenance and other operating expenses.

Results of the survey are scheduled to be released in May 2018.

The survey was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS), a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 to:

- ensure sound design for data collection;
- · minimize the burden placed upon respondents:
- effect economy in statistical data collection;

- eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts; and
- achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, enterprises and government entities are enjoined to support the said survey.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address: ssd.staff@gmail.com.

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