

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE
Tanggapang Pampanguluhan sa Operasyong Pangkomunikasyon
Malacañang, Manila

FOI Awards Resolution No. 1
Series of 2020

SUBJECT : **2020 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) AWARDS**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 2, s. 2016, was issued by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 23 July 2016 to operationalize the People's Constitutional Right to Information and the State Policies to full public disclosure and transparency in the public service;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 10, S. 2016, designated the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) as the lead agency in the implementation of EO No. 2, S. 2016, and all other Freedom of Information (FOI) programs and initiatives, including the electronic FOI in the Executive branch;

WHEREAS, the FOI Awards was established in 2017 to recognize the efforts of government agencies, individuals and organizations that contributed to the development and progress of the FOI Program;

WHEREAS, as a yearly activity of the Freedom of Information – Project Management Office (FOI-PMO), the call for nomination to the 2020 FOI Awards that will be conferred on the fourth week of November 2020 will start on 11 September 2020;

WHEREAS, to promote open, transparent and accountable governance, the guidelines for the 2020 FOI Awards was established through FOI-Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 04, S. 2020;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of FOI-MC No. 04, S. 2020 provides that the FOI Awards Secretariat, composed of the FOI-PMO headed by the Chief of Compliance Monitoring Division, shall submit list of nominees to the FOI Awards Screening Committee;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of FOI-MC No. 04, S. 2020 established the FOI Awards Screening Committee shall be composed of representatives from the Office of the Executive Secretary, who shall also act as the Chairperson; a representative from the FOI-PMO; and one representative each from the academe and a Non-Government Organization/Civil Society Organization.

WHEREAS, the list submitted by the Secretariat, within thirty (30) days upon receipt, shall be considered, amended or replaced by the Committee and choose the winners among the final list agreed upon by its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, this Resolution is issued to announce the awardees for the 2020 FOI Awards.

Section 1. FOI Awards Screening Committee is composed of the following:

- ATTY. KIM RAISA O. UY, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Executive Secretary as Chairperson;
- ATTY. KRISTIAN R. ABLAN, Assistant Secretary and FOI Program Director, Presidential Communications Operations Office, as Member;
- MS. EMMA M. REY, President, Philippine Librarians Association Inc., as Member representing the academe;
- MR. VINO LUCERO, Convenor, Youth Alliance for Freedom of Information (YAFOI) as Member, representing civil society organizations with an advocacy for transparency, accountability, and open governance; and
- MS. EDEN DARLENE A. MENDOZA, Presidential Communications Operations Office, as FOI Awards Secretariat Head.

Section 2. The FOI Champion awards are conferred based on exemplifying and industry of the awardees who have brought their respective offices honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of ensuring the constitutional mandate of right to information.

This year's FOI Champions are the following:

FOI Champion: Department Award (national government agencies)

1. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
2. Department of Energy (DOE)
3. Department of Transportation (DOTr)

FOI Champion: Agencies/Bureaus/Commissions/ Councils Award

1. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
2. Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB)
3. Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

FOI Champion: GOCCs Award (government-owned and/or-controlled corporations)

1. National Housing Authority (NHA)
2. Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)

3. National Electrification Administration (NEA)

FOI Champion: SUCs Award (state universities and colleges)

- University of the Philippines (UP)
- Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)
- Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST)

FOI Champion: LWDs Award (local water districts)

1. Davao City Water District, Davao City
2. Tagum Water District, Davao del Norte
3. Zamboanga City Water District, Zamboanga City

The awards shall be given in each category by rank - from first place (champion), second place and third place, except for the SUCs Award, which will be given to SUCs in no particular order.

Section 3. FOI Champion Hall of Fame is given to government agencies who have won for three consecutive years in any category.

FOI Champion: Department Award:

- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

FOI Champion: Agencies/Bureaus/Commissions/Councils Award:

- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)

FOI Champion: LWDs Award

- Davao City Water District, Davao City

The abovementioned FOI Champion Hall of Fame awardees shall be automatically removed from the shortlist on the same category on the succeeding years starting in 2021.

Section 4. The FOI Recognition is given to Private Entities or Individuals or to Non-Government Organizations/Civil Society Organizations for their efforts and accomplishments that supports the implementation of the FOI program.

New Local Government Units (LGUs) to approve an ordinance on FOI

- Province of La Union
- Municipality of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
- Municipality of San Roque, Northern Samar

- Municipality of Consolacion, Cebu
- Province of Occidental Mindoro
- Municipality of Santo Domingo, Ilocos Sur
- City of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental
- City Government of Valenzuela, Metro Manila
- City Government of Calapan, Oriental Mindoro
- Province of Batanes
- City Government of Quezon, Metro Manila
- City of San Pablo, Laguna
- City of Borongan, Eastern Samar
- Province of South Cotabato
- City of Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat
- Municipality of Pura, Tarlac
- Province of Isabela
- City of Ilagan, Isabela
- Province of Bukidnon
- Municipality of Bantay, Ilocos Sur
- City of Isabela, Basilan
- Municipality of San Fabian, Pangasinan

LGU to onboard in the electronic FOI portal (www.foi.gov.ph)

- City of Legazpi

Top requested and performing agencies in the eFOI Portal

(agencies with 50 to 249 requests and with at least 90% closed transactions)

- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Tourism (DOT)
- Bureau of Immigration (BI)
- Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Land Management Bureau (LMB)
- Land Transportation Office (LTO)
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
- Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF)
- Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
- Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)
- Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF)
- Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)
- Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)

- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
- Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH)
- Department of Finance (DOF)
- Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC)
- Department of National Defense (DND)
- National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)
- Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)
- Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB)
- Bureau of Customs (BOC)
- City of Pasig, NCR
- Clark Development Corporation (CDC)
- Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA)

(agencies with 250 to 499 requests and with at least 90% closed transactions)

- Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Transportation (DOTr)
- Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST)
- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

(agencies with 500 and above requests and with at least 90% closed transactions)

- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
- Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)
- National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)

Special award/certificate for Agencies who responded during the Enhanced Community Quarantine from the period of 14 March 2020 to 31 May 2020:

- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)
- Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)
- National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Land Management Bureau (LMB)
- Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPOST)
- Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)

Section 5. The Recognition shall also be given to at least three (3) FOI Officers demonstrate exceptional or significant contribution to the FOI program's progress and development.

The Criteria for the best FOI Officers are as follows: (a) Formally designated as FOI Officer, either through Special Order or as indicated in the agency's FOI Manual; (b) Active participation in FOI Activities; (c) Consistent communication with FOI-PMO; (d) Providing reasonable assistance to the requesting party; (e) Agency's Performance Rate of 90% and above.

Best FOI Officers with criteria rate of 100%:

1. MARICRIS MANINIT - National Housing Authority (NHA)
2. MARY ANN TANBIO - Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
3. DIVINA N. DAQUIOAG - National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
4. ZYRA FASTIDIO - Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
5. CHRISTINE MALATE - Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

Best FOI Officers with criteria rate of 90% to 99%:

1. ROCHELLE ROXAS - Malacañang Records Office (MRO)
2. ZENAIDA A. LEAÑO - National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
3. NELLY ZABALA - Department of Energy (DOE)
4. ANDRO V. SANTIAGO - Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
5. APRIL MOLINA - Department of Health (DOH)
6. TEOFILO MARCO LEGASPI - Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
7. CHRISTY D. VELA – Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines (PPP Center)
8. NARANJO ROSALIA – Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF)

Plaque of Appreciation


- Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Reporting Systems (Task Force Administrative Order No. 25 s. 2011)
- Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)
- Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
- Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
- Philippine Broadcasting Service – Radio Television Malacañang (RTVM)
- Philippine Broadcasting Service – Bureau of Broadcast Service (PBS-BBS)
- Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation (IBC-13)
- Right to Know, Right Now (R2KRN)! Coalition

Section 6. Effectivity. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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