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“INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT” AWARD **INTER AMERICAN NETWORK ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

I. Background

In order to promote a better management of public procurement systems, the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP), along with its supporting institutions, will annually recognize institutions from INGP member countries with the Award “Innovation in Government Procurement.” The award will be given to those institutions that have introduced new and high impact solutions on government procurement.

II. Objectives

- To support countries of the Americas in their efforts for modernization and reform of their national procurement systems.
- To recognize and shed light on the best regional initiatives that optimize the procurement processes at a regional level.
- To incentivize all INGP member countries to strengthen their procurement systems in order to attain better results.

III. Award Categories

- **First: *Innovation in the implementation of new information technologies on government procurement*** that uses technology in order to generate an impact in the modernization of electronic systems on government procurement. Only one award will be given for this category.
- **Second. *Innovation in institutional reform and/or regulatory framework*** that is marked by its support and regulatory framework. Only one award will be given for this category.

IV. General Criteria for Participation.

- The award is eligible for national and sub national agencies of INGP member countries.



- Only implemented and operating initiatives will be received. Projected and planned solutions will not be considered.
- In order to clearly evaluate the solution's impact, the entity must provide enough information and include any other aspects that are requested in the application form.
- Projects with partner agencies of the same country are welcomed. In such case, a leader must be designated responsible for the submission of the initiative, and in case of receiving an award; he/she is considered the administrator.
- Participation in the process implies the acceptance of the terms and conditions of the prize. Any aspect not before mentioned is subject to the selection committee's interpretation.

V. Submission of candidatures

- Submit a solution profile: institutions from INGP member countries who wish to participate must fill out an application form with the information pertaining to the initiative. This application form will be available at the INGP's web page.
- Once the submission period is complete, the profile must be approved by the Technical Secretariat of the Network and will be published on the INGP website.
- **The submission period will be OPEN until to 25th of September, 2015 at 11PM E.S.T.**
- For any inquiries please contact Helena Fonseca at hfonseca@oas.org and Mariana Lopez marianal@iadb.org.

VI. Eligibility criteria

- Any solution implemented by a national or sub national agency of an INGP member country is eligible.
- The selection committee will evaluate the nominations taking into consideration the following aspects:
 - ✓ Innovation and creativity: The implementation of new solutions for the improvement of government procurement systems.
 - ✓ Impact: Proof of the impact and progress in the failing areas that motivated the reform of the system
 - ✓ Beneficiaries: Description of those benefited and its impact.
 - ✓ Sustainability: The initiative's durability in the medium and long run.

VII. Awards Selection Process

- Selection Committee: The selection committee must meet before the INGP's Annual conference. In order to commence the selection process. All supporting institutions must be present (OAS and IDB). There should also be at least two meetings (virtual or in-person); a first meeting to agree if any additional information is needed, and a second meeting in order to select a winner.
- Deliberation method: All final decisions must be taken by consensus.
- Award recipients: Those submissions that comply with the defined criteria will then be taken into consideration by the selection committee in order to effectively designate a winner by category.
- Honorable mention: Exceptionally, the selection committee can award an honorable mention to a solution that has placed itself as a strong contender for the prize.
- Confidentiality of the result: all members of the selection committee must keep all final results secret until the moment of the award ceremony.

VIII. Selection committee

The selection committee will be composed of a representative from the following institutions that support the INGP and who will choose the winners after their nomination.

- The Organization of American States (OAS)
- The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- One procurement specialists.

The selection committee's decisions are final.

IX. Award Ceremony

- The award ceremony will be held during the Annual Conference of the INGP.
- Both awards must be read by one of the members of the selection committee, as well as indicating the characteristics that made to each winner worthy of the prize.

X. Prize

Award price is valid for a one-year period since the day of the award.

- **Winner of the first category** for “Innovation in the implementation of new information technologies on government procurement” will receive a prize with a limit of 2,500 USD, which will be managed by the agency’s representative or selected delegation to complete a study on a topic of their interest on government procurement, assist a training on the topic, or visit an outstanding experience from a notable country.
- **Winner of the second category** for “Innovation in Institutional reform and/or regulatory framework” will receive a limit of 2,500 USD, which can be used by the winner institution in exchange for trainings or bibliography (subscription to journals, to purchase books, etc) on the topic of government procurement.
- Winners will receive a diploma of recognition during the ceremony.
- The selection committee reserves the right not to select any winner in case none of the submissions comply with the established criteria.