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**EXTENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPED INTERNET
CONNECTIVITY PROJECT (DICP) AND GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSFER
OF FUNDS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONNECTED ONLY
BY SATELLITE COMPANIES**

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. This Department launched the DepEd Internet Connectivity Project (DICP) through DepEd Order No. 50, s. 2009 entitled, "Launching the DepEd Internet Connectivity Project and Directing All Public High Schools to Subscribe to Internet Connectivity Services".

2. There are about more than 2,000 secondary schools that are still not connected to the internet due to the unavailability of telecommunications service providers that mostly can only be reached through satellite technology.

3. In line with this, the implementation of the DICP is deemed ongoing until all secondary schools are connected to the internet. The secondary schools which are not yet connected are directed to avail of internet services provided by Satellites Companies (SatCos).

4. The Guidelines for the Transfer of Funds for the DepEd Internet Connectivity Project (DICP) was issued through DepEd Order No. 113, s. 2009. However, schools that are covered by SatCos have a different scheme for application compared to Telecommunications Companies (TelCos).

5. The schools which can only be connected through satellite technology shall be guided by the following steps for the transfer of funds under the DICP:

- a. Schools (those with official School ID based on the official list of the Basic Education Information System (BEIS) of the Central Office) shall directly subscribe to their local Internet Service Providers in accordance to Republic Act No. 9184;
- b. Schools must comply with the following bandwidth requirement: Committed Information Rate (CIR) per DepEd Order No. 50, s. 2009 on schools covered by Satellite Technology:

"Those outside the coverage area of any of the Telecommunication Companies shall connect their computer/computer laboratories through satellite broadband internet service. The required Committed Information Rate (CIR) is 64kbps uplink and 64kbps (burst) downlink";



- c. Schools shall submit their new service agreements, completely filled-up with the amount of monthly subscription fees, to their respective regional offices for consolidation based on set minimum bandwidth requirement;
 - d. These schools shall receive a one-time installation fee amounting to Forty Eight Thousand Pesos (PhP48,000.00) to cover for the installation of the satellite dish;
 - e. The Implementing Units (Division/Schools) shall facilitate the payment of the one-time installation fee of PhP48,000.00;
 - f. They shall also receive another PhP48,000.00 to cover the monthly service fees;
 - g. These schools shall be allowed one connection only;
 - h. Annex/extension schools shall be given separate allocation from their mother schools;
 - i. Once these service agreements are received by the Central Office, a Sub-Allotment Release Order (Sub-ARO) shall be issued in favor of the schools;
6. The following are the steps for the release of funds:
- a. The Budget Division, Finance Management Service (FMS), Central Office (CO) shall immediately transfer the allotment received from the DBM-CO to the respective Implementing Units based on the listing of recipient secondary schools, through the assistance of Sub-AROs to:
 - (1) Division Offices (DOs) for Non-Implementing Units; and
 - (2) Implementing Units which are the recipient secondary schools.
 - b. Upon receipt of the Sub-ARO, the DOs or the Implementing Units shall record such receipt in the Registry of Allotments and Obligations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (RAOMO) being maintained by the respective units;
 - c. The cash allocation corresponding to the allotment transferred to the respective units will be issued by the concerned DBM-ROs, subject to the submission of requests for release of Notice of Cash Allocations (NCAs), supported by copies of Sub-AROs for reference;
 - d. The mother schools which are the Implementing Units shall process the payment of the internet subscription for their annex or extension schools;
 - e. For non-implementing units, the DOs shall facilitate and process payments upon submission of billing documents; and

- f. Since the funds allocated for DICP shall all expire on December 31, 2010, Implementing Units are advised to obligate the whole amount.
- (1) Upon receipt of the Sub-ARO from the CO, the DOs and Implementing Units shall record receipts of the same in Registry of Allotments and Obligations for Maintenance and Operating Expenses (RAOMO) and obligate the service agreements with the contracted service providers. In no case the obligation of service agreements shall be made after December 31, 2010, since funds for FY 2009 shall automatically lapse on this date;
 - (2) Payments to the service providers shall be coursed through Authority to Debit Advice (ADA) in accordance with the DBM Circular No. 2005-2 dated January 28, 2005, "Modified Guidelines for Processing of Payments for Accounts Payable of National Government Agencies" or out of the available cash of the DOs/Implementing Units after due consideration to the priority activities/payables of the Division Offices/ Implementing Units concerned;
 - (3) All other provisions contained under DepEd Order Nos. 50 and 113, s. 2009 must be strictly complied; and
 - (4) It is also understood that releases made and agreements entered shall cover a 12-month period only; hence, service providers with service agreements until 2011 can be paid as long as their respective contracts were obligated before December 31, 2010 with the understanding of this office that these contracts were entered after January 2010.
- g. Allotment under the DICP shall be solely be used for payment of internet connectivity services.

7. Guidelines shall be issued again for the succeeding years regarding the provision of funds for internet connection upon the release of the SARO.

8. For more information, please contact Dir. Mari Paul C. Soriano or Mr. Elmer M. Guizano, Technical Service at telephone nos.: (02) 636-4878 and (02) 633-7264.

9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.


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References: DepEd Order: (Nos. 50 and 113, s. 2009)
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