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MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNDERSECRETARY

FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
SUBJECT : Philippine WTO e-Learning Program
DATE : **SEP 26 2005**

The Department of Trade and Industry is inviting nominations for the Philippine WTO e-Learning Program. This program seeks to develop the capacity of government and the civil society to understand international trade and participate in the discussions and negotiations.

The program will employ the blended learning model, which is a combination of instructor-led web-based training, and face-to-face lectures and workshops. It will run for one-year, with each course lasting approximately 20-25 hours to be taken over a 5-6 weeks period. The participants would need about 3 to 4 hours a week to attend the training program. The courses are interactive and will allow for exchange of ideas between learner instructor and among the learners. Quizzes at the end of each module and each course will help learner synthesize his/her understanding of the course.

There will be a 2-day face-to-face topical workshop to be attended by 250 of the learners and an integrating workshop at the end of the project for 50 learners.

The Program will comprise two (2) Introductory courses, three (3) Core courses and a choice of two (2) Optional Courses. eLearners can select the Optional Courses from a range of five (5) subjects. Below are the titles of the courses. More detailed information of the courses can be found at the attached Course Catalog

Introductory Courses

1. Maximizing E-Learning
2. WTO and the Philippines

Core Courses

1. WTO Basics: Introduction to the Multilateral Trading System, History of Multilateral Trading System
2. Basic Principles of the Multilateral Trading System
3. Enforcing International Trade Rules

Optional Courses (choose 2)

1. Trade in Services
2. Agreement on Agriculture
3. National legislation and International Trade Rules
4. Protocols pending Approval
5. Trade Facilitation

Integrating Course


The training course will start on 17 October 2005 to 23 August 2006. It is a non-degree program and participation will be recognized by the Civil Service Commission as part of the employee's training and development records.

Participants in the training course have to sign contracts signifying their interest to complete the course. Alternates to the principal nominees will continue the course, in case the principal nominee decides not to continue taking up the course shall be identified. Those who will complete the course will be bound to render service to the government of two years for every year of scholarship.

Attached are the information on qualification requirements, criteria for selection of participants/learners, procedural as well as documentary requirements for the training course, course catalog and application forms.

DTI has allotted 10 slots for DENR and additional 4 slots for non-government civil society nominees of DENR. Please note that deadline for submission of nominees by participating agencies is on 29 September 2005. Hence, all application forms including all the documentary requirements should be submitted to this Office thru the Human Resource Development Service not later 27 September 2005.

For your information and appropriate action.



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