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JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2014-01

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**TO:** All Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and other Agencies of the National Government, including State Universities and Colleges, and Government-Owned and/or –Controlled Corporations, Congress of the Philippines, the Judiciary, Constitutional Commissions, and the Office of the Ombudsman

**SUBJECT:** Open Data Philippines (ODP)

**BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

- 1.0 Data is a valuable resource to the government, its partners, and the public. To ensure that the Government of the Philippines (GPH) takes full advantage of its data resources, government agencies, in managing data as an asset throughout its life cycle, must promote openness and reusability.<sup>1</sup> To support this, the GPH developed and launched data.gov.ph, a portal to make government datasets searchable, understandable, and accessible. This portal serves as the platform for an Open Government Data ecosystem, which includes harmonizing data disclosure policies. Ultimately, this is a strategic program in supporting the Key Result Area of transparent, accountable, and participatory governance as laid out in Executive Order No. 43, Series of 2011.
- 2.0 Through this Joint Memorandum Circular, the Office of the Presidential Spokesperson (OPS), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO) endeavor to formalize a Task Force to lead the Open Data Philippines (OGDP).

**STATEMENT OF POLICIES**

- 3.0 The OPS is mandated to report directly to the President to give advice on all matters and concerns related to the Presidency as it may affect the information demands of the public (Memorandum Order No. 57, Series of 1999).
- 4.0 The DBM is mandated to promote the sound, efficient, and effective management and utilization of government resources as instruments in the

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<sup>1</sup> Open Data Policy – Managing Information as an Asset, Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies issued on 9 May 2013, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, United States Government

