MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 2017-037

FOR : Economic Zone Developers
Economic Zone Enterprises

FROM : DDG Tereso O. Panga
Officer in-Charge

SUBJECT : Suggested criteria for greening the economic zones

DATE : 29 September 2017

In line with the Paris Agreement which seeks to “strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty”, PEZA, in consultation with its ecozone locator enterprises and its ecozone developers will be coming out with the green criteria that will be applicable to new and existing economic zones and its locators therein.

The green criteria in the context of greening the economic zones seek to transform business as usual to sustainable practices that will eventually be espoused as the competitive advantage of the Philippine economic zones. To do this, we have to rethink all activities in the economic zones so as to make a conscious effort to further reduce environmental impact, conserve resources and provide healthy spaces for everyone.

Considering that the green criteria will be applicable to new and existing locators and developers, irrespective of size, we thus would like to consult with you as our stakeholders through the provided survey form in the link below:

http://www.peza.gov.ph/greenecozone

May we thus request your feedback not later than 27 October 2017 through email at ensd@peza.gov.ph, if you have further questions, please email or call the Environmental Safety Group at 551-6561.

Thank you for your usual support.
Survey for Greening the Philippine Economic Zones

Name of company: ________________________________
Name of survey respondent: ______________________

Please check all applicable items

1. Do you have mission, vision or values statement that contain the following?
   □ Commitment to positive social or community impact
   □ Commitment to environmental stewardship
   □ Commitment to employees

2. Which of the following BEST describes sustainable practices of your organization?
   □ Monitors energy usage with written usage reduction targets
   □ Will commit to implement energy conservation / efficiency systems
   □ Will commit to carbon offsets
   □ Monitors water usage with usage reduction targets
   □ Will commit to water conservation methods
   □ Will commit to sustainable landscaping techniques
   □ Advocates use of alternative modes of transportation (e.g. carpooling, biking)
   □ Monitors waste generation with reduction targets
   □ Have a written policy to purchase recycled / sustainable office products
   □ Have a written code of ethics
   □ Have an active mentorship program
   □ Have existing programs on community engagement
   □ Have a risk management plan
   □ Annually or biannually publish a sustainability report
   □ Has an Environmental Management System (EMS) in place
   □ Product has sustainability certification
   □ Facility or facilities is LEED certified
   □ Renewable energy systems are installed in the facility

3. Other than the items stated in #2, what other sustainable practices that are in place your organization?

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   Thank you!