



# Philippine Space Agency

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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**MR. RYAN WASHBURN**

Mission Director

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Through: **MR. JOHN D. GARRITY**

*Chief of Party*

USAID/Philippines Better Access and Connectivity (BEACON)

**SUBJECT: Collaboration with USAID BEACON on the INCENTIVISE project**

Dear **Director Washburn:**

Greetings from the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)!

PhilSA, pursuant to its mandate under the Philippine Space Act, is currently implementing the project "Introducing Non-Geostationary Satellite Constellations Test Deployments to Improve Internet Services," otherwise known as INCENTIVISE.

Discussions with your team have brought to light the alignment of the INCENTIVISE and USAID's Better Access and Connectivity (BEACON) Project in bringing new and emerging space-based Internet technologies and responsive policies to bear on the challenge of bridging the digital divide in the Philippines.

We therefore look forward to working with USAID BEACON in bringing our combined technical expertise to support the following shared objectives:

- Promoting and shining the spotlight on the space segment of telecommunications by leveraging significant breakthroughs in new and emerging high throughput satellite systems for bringing connectivity to all Filipinos;
- Fostering the development of community networks (CNs) for achieving broadband connectivity in unserved and underserved areas of the Philippines; and
- Developing metrics and tools for assessing the effectiveness of INCENTIVISE test deployments.

In line with the above, PhilSA hopes to work closely with USAID BEACON on the following corresponding activities: engaging in public-facing events with USAID BEACON to promote and create awareness on space-based technologies that help enhance national information and communications technology infrastructure, and create new opportunities for local space industry development; studying the establishment, growth and sustainability of CNs in the Philippines through available and emerging technology options and policy recommendations; and developing monitoring and evaluation tools used to gather feedback from observers of the INCENTIVISE test deployments.

Should you have additional queries regarding the above, you may email **Ms. Diana Marie Jimenez-Leomo** or **Ms. Maria Victoria Gazmin** through our email at (b)(6)

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



Digitally signed  
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