Ref: Confirming your membership and contact details with the eGov Cluster

Dear Madam/Sir

The eGov Cluster is undertaking a comprehensive review of its role and operations. Membership structure and participation are key elements of this assessment.

The eGov Cluster Steering Committee has recently approved a new membership structure, which comprises three main categories: Standing Members, Appointed Members and Governing Members. A short description of each category follows:

1. **Standing Members:** All agencies in all spheres of Government in Australia are eligible to be members of the eGov Cluster by default. This includes NICTA, the organisation which funds and manages the eGov Cluster.

2. **Appointed Members:** Individuals as themselves; or as duly authorised representative of a non-government entity with an active interest in ICT innovation in Government. This status is achieved after application (and approval) to be a member of the eGov Cluster. The Steering Committee has responsibility for the approval process.

3. **Governing Members:** The Steering Committee are the Governing Members. The Steering Committee comprises senior leaders in both Government and industry; representatives of NICTA; representatives from allied organisations such as CollabIT, AIIA, ACS, Canberra Business Council; and the Cluster Manager.

The notable differences from the previous structure are:

➢ By joining the Cluster, the organization becomes 'member', instead of 'participant';
➢ An individual can become a member in his/her own name, without representing an organisation;
➢ There are three different categories of membership now, instead of a single pool of members.

Should you wish to find more details about the new membership structure, please click here or visit http://www.egovernmentcluster.org.au/; to find out if you are currently a member and the contact details you are registered with, please click here.

Joining the Cluster is still free.

In this context **please confirm** by **Monday 22 July**, if you wish to remain as an 'Appointed Member' of the eGov Cluster. Unless specified, a nil response will be interpreted as advicing us you no longer wish to be a member. Please also inform us if you agree to receive information about the Cluster's activities, as a non-member.

You are more than welcome to re-join the Cluster at a future date, should your circumstances change.

Government agencies will be considered standing members by default. There is no need to confirm membership in these cases but please let us know if the contact details changed.

For more information and/or to send your confirmation, please contact ana.belgun@nicta.com.au.

Thank you.
Regards,
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