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Subject: **Extension of Program Implementation of the Level-up Innovation Government Support for Technologies Against the Spread of COVID-19 (LIGTAS-COVID-19)**

Section 1. Program Description

The Technology Application and Promotion Institute's (TAPI) Level-up Innovation Government Support for Technologies Against the Spread of COVID-19 (LIGTAS-COVID-19) aims to provide financial assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that has been providing support for the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. It is a special program conceptualized to contribute to the government's initiative against the spread of the deadly disease.

Section 2. Background

The world today is experiencing a major disaster brought by the COVID-19 which has greatly affected countries all over the world.

As a precautionary measure, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued **Proclamation No. 922 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines"** highlighting the adverse effect of COVID-19 that threatens the overall welfare of the country. Further, the President also issued **Proclamation No. 929 "Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines and implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) throughout Luzon"** that started from 16 March 2020 to 12 April 2020 and further extended to 15 May 2020. From thereon after, various government agencies, non-government organizations, and private institutions, have exerted their efforts in order to contribute to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extension of project/program duration for the **Implementation of the Level-up Innovation Government Support for Technologies Against Spread of COVID-19 (LIGTAS-COVID-19) until 12 September 2022**, is hereby implemented unless earlier lifted or extended by the President in accordance with **Proclamation Number 1218 "Further Extending the Period of the State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines Due to CoronaVirus Disease 2019 Declared Under Proclamation No. 1021, S.2020"**.

Section 3. Adoption of Venture Financing Program (VFP) Guidelines.

All the provisions of **TAPI Administrative Order No. 2020-026** dated June 2020, otherwise known as **"Guidelines for the Implementation of the Level-up Innovation Government Support for Technologies Against Spread of COVID-19 (LIGTAS-COVID-19)"**, and its amendment as per **TAPI AO Number 2020-032** dated 27 August 2020 shall remain in force by this extension of project duration.

Section 10. Effectivity

This Order shall take effect immediately after its posting to DOST-TAPI Official website and shall remain effective until **12 September 2022**, unless earlier lifted or extended by the President.

Taguig City, Philippines, _____, 2021.


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