SCAD and DED Announce Unified Establishment Number Project

Khalifa Al Mansouri: “The project aims to provide statistical reliable indicators and data to support Abu Dhabi’s development goals”

Butti Qubaisi: “The full Implementation of the Unified Establishment Number in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by the end of 2017 marks a milestone in the organization, digitalization and upgrading of government services”

The Department of Economic Development (DED) and Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi (SCAD) announced the launch the final phase of the Unified Establishments Number Project, which is due for completion by the end of 2017. The project encompasses all businesses in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi under centralized database. The DED’s Business Centre and SCAD are working jointly on the project, which is based on the registry of companies operating in the emirate.

HE Khalifa bin Salem Al Mansour, acting Undersecretary of the DED, emphasized the importance of the unified establishment number in building an accurate statistical repository of the businesses registered in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi for faster production of related statistics, in order to support the emirate’s development plans and meet the diverse needs of decision- and policy makers, the business community and other users. SCAD and the DED are working in tandem on the project, which will help Abu Government in the digital transformation of economic data on various types of activities, adding that the database the project will use is available with the DED’s Abu Dhabi Business Center, while SCAD will develop the project methodology the details included in the companies registration and licensing form.
He further added that the database will constitute the key resource for data analysis, compilation of economic indicators and studies, ensuring easy access to relevant data.

For his part, Butti Ahmed Mohammed Al Qubaisi, Director General of SCAD said the significance of the project lies in the fact that it provides an centralized framework for all economic establishments through the creation of a unified identifying code for all types of economic establishments under a central database, a move that would contribute to a more developed statistical system for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Based on the outputs of this initiative and the recommendations submitted by SCAD in this regard, a project formed team including all the agencies involved was formed by the Executive Council. The team is now working on the detailed aspects of the project on the basis of predefined policies and criteria, guided as well by SCAD’s proposed link for electronic data exchange with the centre.

The project also represents a step towards the organization and upgrading of Abu Dhabi Government services and the gradual transformation to a digital society. The project will serve several government and non-governmental entities, help to achieve economic security for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and improve the business environment, to mention but of the expected benefits of this initiatives.

The Unified Establishment Number is a 14 character code, with each character encoding one or more of the characteristics of the establishment. It serves as an ID for the establishment through which it will perform all transactions with government and non-government entities, in a manner similar to the personal ID held by every individual.
residing in the United Arab Emirates. Al Qubaisi hailed the collaboration of all the agencies involved in the licensing of economic establishments in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, which exceed 100,000 businesses operating in different fields of economic activity (commercial, industrial, tourist, etc.).

It is worth mentioning that the Unified Number of Economic Establishments project was launched in January 2015 in several stages in collaboration with the Business Center of the DED and through coordination with a number of stakeholders. The unified number was the launched for Abu Dhabi’s free zones in April 2015, and for tourist licenses in March 2016.

Thankfully, all license issuing entities had finalized preparations of the unified establishment number by the end of the year 2016, pending the implementation of the number to all economic establishments operating in the emirate during the current year.
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Being the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the centre assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programs that serve the emirate’s wider development programs, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage, analysis and dissemination of official statistics and the release of the results of social, demographic, economic, environmental and cultural surveys.

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