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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE NATIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY (N.P.P.A)

TO ALL MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND LOCAL COUNCILS UNDERTAKING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UTILIZING PUBLIC FUNDS.

The National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA) in its due diligence exercise to diagnose the problems of public procurement has come to realize that most public procuring entities using public funds do not have the requisite knowledge and skills to undertake large procurement in line with international best practices.

NPPA wishes to be of assistance to all MDAs and local councils utilizing government's resources in ensuring that they are not acting in breach of the law and only get to discover this after the act has been committed.

Consequently, the following stop gap measure has been put in place to ensure that proper public procurement practice is undertaken by all MDAs and local government councils:

With immediate effect, MDAs should clear through the National Public Procurement Authority all notices for invitations for bids and bidding documents for National Competitive Bidding and International Competitive Bidding for Works, Goods and Services before they are made public for any procurement process.

To this extent, the Authority has set up "Help-Desks" manned by sector experts who will review these documents and make them available for use within one (1) week of their submission to NPPA.

The NPPA will completely dissociate itself from any procurement process involving documents that have not been so cleared and it will be the sole responsibility of the spending entity should any issue arise relating to the outcome from using those documents. Further, any such procurement may not be supported by the NPPA for approval for funding through the Ministry of Finance.

Please take note for immediate compliance.

Thank you.

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