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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLICATION OF INVITATIONS TO BID

The National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA) will like to remind all procuring entities of their mandate to ensure that all invitations for bids (IFB) and Expressions of Interests (EOI) are properly advertised.

It is an absolute requirement, in order to safeguard the transparency of the procurement process and also to afford all potential bidders the opportunity to participate in the bidding process, that these publications are advertised as provided by the Public Procurement Act, 2016 (the Act) and its attendant Public Procurement Regulations, 2020 (the Regulations). In this regard, Regulation 53 provides a list of media on which all IFBs and EOIs must be advertised which includes NPPA's website, the entity's or other similar website, at least two national print media of wide circulation and the national Gazette.

Unfortunately, the Authority has discovered that some entities do not adhere to this requirement, whilst others have gone to the extent of "ghost" publishing their IFBs and EOIs. Ghost publishing is when a publication appears to have been done in the newspapers but these newspapers are not seen or sold to the public. This is a shoddy and illegal practice which the Authority cannot condone or allow to continue.

Be informed therefore that as part of our vigilant monitoring of IFB publications, the Authority buys all newsprint on a daily basis that come out each day. If as part of our monitoring, or when procurement processes are submitted for our review it is discovered that they were not properly advertised as per the requirements of Regulation 53, not only will the Authority require that the process be cancelled, but stringent disciplinary measures will be brought against all found to have been complicit to such a practice.

As a first step, it is now imperative, without even the Authority reminding procuring entities, that they must submit soft copies of their IFBs for uploading on our website immediately they are released for advertising. Failing which the Authority will suspend the procurement activity until it is fully cleared.

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