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REPORTING ON THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS AND PUBLICATION OF AWARDS IN TERMS OF PROVINCIAL TREASURY INSTRUCTION (PTI) PART 16A: PARAGRAPH 11.1.2 (C) (VI)

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this communicate is to:

- a) Re-tract Provincial Treasury Instruction (PTI) 16A: Part 11, paragraph 11.1.2 (c) (vi).
(refer to paragraph 2.1 below)
- b) Re-iterate the requirement that bids must be advertised and awards published on the e-Tender Publication Portal.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In terms of PTI 16A: Part 11, paragraph 11.1.2 (c) (vi), *"Accounting officers or accounting authorities must within 2 working days:*

(aa) Notify the Provincial Treasury of all bids awarded via the open bidding process as and when they are advertised in the Government Tender Bulletin (GTB) or the local newspapers; and

(bb) for awards, forward a copy of the acceptance letter sent to the successful bidder to the Provincial Treasury."

2.2 The above PTI requirement was necessary to serve as a mechanism for the Provincial Treasury to publish all bid advertisement and bid award information on the Western Cape Government website on behalf of departments within the Western Cape.

2.3 The National Treasury has since then, introduced a web application in the form of the eTender Publication Portal where all PFMA compliant institutions must advertise all their bids and publish all awards.

2.4 In terms of Treasury Circular 28/2015;

a) departments are responsible for advertising bids and publishing awards on the Portal for its own department;

b) the GTB remains the primary advertising medium as required by National Treasury Regulation 16A 6.3(c) and (d);

c) bids advertised in terms of the Construction Industry Development Board are exempted from the requirement of the instruction note; and

d) the eTender Publication Portal is continuously being refined and at the time the circular was issued NT indicated that the CRA system reporting requirements will be incorporated into the next phase of the eTender Publication Portal, however, to date, no feedback was received from NT regarding this matter.

2.5 Bid advertisement and bid award information uploaded onto the eTender Publication Portal is not required to be provided to the Provincial Treasury as this information is readily available on the eTender Publication Portal.

2.6 It should be noted that advertising bids and publishing awards on the eTender Publication Portal is a national requirement and would therefore form part of the audit scope of the Auditor General. Departments should therefore ensure compliance in this regard.

3. REQUEST

3.1 By virtue of repealing the above PTI requirement, departments are urged to comply with National Treasury Instruction No. 1 of 2015/16 by advertising all bids and publishing all awards on the eTender Publication Portal.

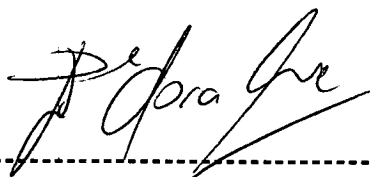
3.2 In order to promote efficiency and a reduction in the duplication of work and effort, departments are not required to notify the Provincial Treasury of bid advertisements and awards in addition to publishing such information on the eTender Publication Portal. Provincial Treasury will extract this information directly from the eTender Portal for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

3.3 Departments (head offices) with institutions under its control is responsible for capturing the required information for those institutions on the eTender Publication Portal.

3.4 Training on the utilisation of the eTender Portal has already been provided by the Provincial Treasury to departments (head office) and the three academic hospitals from 9 to 11 September 2015.

3.5 Departments are requested to adhere to the content of this circular.

Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.



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