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REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICIES

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Circular seeks to ensure that all municipalities and municipal entities have and implement a Supply Chain Management (SCM) policy that is compliant with the legislative framework and consistent with the latest legislative prescripts as prescribed in Section 111 and 112 of the Municipal Management Framework Act 56, 2003 (MFMA) and SCM Regulations 2 and 3 which encapsulated with section 217 of the Constitution.
- 1.2 To request municipalities to submit the latest approved SCM policies (goods and services and Infrastructure Model Policy) for annual review.
- 1.3 The Provincial Treasury intends to assess all SCM policies on the alignment to the National Treasury's Model policy and provide municipalities with recommendations where deemed necessary and appropriate.
- 1.4 The policy assessment pursues to establish whether municipal policies encompass a range of discretional information that conform to the requirements of the MFMA SCM Regulations, Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 National Treasury Circulars, the Construction Industry Development Board Act (CIDB Act).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Promulgated in the Local Government: the MFMA 56 of 2003, requires the Municipality to have and implement a SCM Policy which gives effect to the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 11 of the Act that deals with 'Supply Chain Management'.
- 2.2 The National Treasury (NT) issued MFMA Circular No. 22 in August 2005 instructing each municipal council to adopt a policy that gives effect to the South Africa Constitution and other Supply Chain Management legislative regimes. The Circular provided a Model Policy and a code of ethical standards to be adopted or adapted by municipalities and municipal entities.

- 2.3 Subsequently, NT MFMA Circular No. 77, 2015 was issued to provide guidance for a suitable supply chain management system for infrastructure delivery. The Circular highlighted the Model SCM Policy for Infrastructure Procurement and Delivery Management Regulation for adoption as of October 2015.
- 2.4 To date several circulars and other prescripts has been issued by National Treasury, which warranted inclusion into the municipal SCM polices as part of the SCM National Reforms.

3. SCM POLICY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- 3.1 The policy assessment process is aimed at determining whether Municipalities have implemented a Supply Chain Management Policy in a manner, which gives effect to the provisions of section 217 of the Constitution, section 112 of the MFMA and are aligned to the National Treasury's Model Policy, guidelines and circulars as periodically issues by NT.
- 3.2 On an annual basis the Provincial Treasury will embark on a supply chain management policy assessment process.
- 3.3 Furthermore, policies will be assessed for compliance, management comments based on Provincial Treasury findings are sought prior to policy being adopted by the Municipality.
- 3.4 Thus far, the Provincial Treasury has assessed all 30 municipal SCM policies, therefore, it will restart the Policy Review process by prioritising the municipalities policies which were reviewed and amended during 2018/19 financial year.

4. REQUEST

- 4.1 Municipalities and municipal entities are kindly requested to forward their latest SCM policies adopted by Municipal Council for assessment for the 2019/20 financial year.
- 4.2 Upon submission of the policies, please indicate the date of adoption of the policy, council resolutions and the last date of review of the policy. Municipalities are herewith further requested to comply with the contents of this circular.
- 4.3 SCM policies and any further enquiries must be submitted to Ms Nolutando Makholwa at email: <u>Nolutando.Makholwa@westerncape.gov.za</u> and telephone number: 021 483 6362.
- 4.4 It will be highly appreciated if the SCM policies are submitted to our offices by no later than Friday,
 29 November 2019.
- 4.5 Municipalities are requested to comply with the requirement of this circular.

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MR RODNEY MOOLMAN DIRECTOR: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT DATE: 6 November 2019