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INABILITY TO PUBLISH BIDS AND AWARDS ON THE NATIONAL TREASURY E-TENDER PUBLICATION PORTAL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this communiqué is to inform accounting officers and accounting authorities of the National Treasury communication (see attached Annexure A) received via the Officer of the Chief Procurement Officer on 5 March 2021 regarding the e-Tender Publication Portal's unavailability and technical difficulties currently being experienced.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 National Treasury Regulation 16A 6.3 (c) and (d) prescribes that

- (c) *"The accounting officer or accounting authority must ensure that bids are advertised in at least the Government Tender Bulletin for a minimum period of 21 days before closure, except in urgent cases when bids may be advertised for such shorter period as the accounting officer or accounting authority may determine;*
- (d) *awards are published in the Government Tender Bulletin and other media by means of which the bids were advertised".*

2.2 On 7 April 2015, the NT introduced a web application in the form of an e-Tender portal where all bids must be advertised, and awards must be published. This requirement was issued via NT Instruction no. 1 of 2015/16 and disseminated to accounting officers and accounting authorities via PT Circular 28 of 2015. As per the NT, this application is aimed at ensuring that all potential service providers have easy access to advertised bids and are provided with an opportunity to supply goods and services.

2.3 During the month of February, Departments were unable to place bid advertisements in the Government Tender Bulletin (GTB) due to technical difficulties being experienced by Government Printing Works (GPW). The PT issued Treasury Circular No. 5 of 2021 issuing NT Instruction Note 12 of 2020/21 informing accounting officers and accounting authorities of the departure to publish bid advertisements and awards in the GTB indicating that as an interim measure, accounting officers and authorities must utilise the e-Tender Portal, and where deemed necessary, the institutional website or any other means available to the institution until such time that the GPW is able to publish bid advertisements and bid awards in the GTB.

2.4 On 5 March 2021, the National Treasury advised provinces via email that the e-Tender Portal is currently experiencing technical difficulties. The technical teams are working on the problem and NT aims to have the problems fixed as soon as possible. The email indicated that accounting officers and accounting authorities must make use of acceptable media to advertise tenders and keep record of the unavailability of GPW as well as e-Tender Portal for possible audit queries.

3. WAY FORWARD

3.1 As an interim measure, accounting officers and authorities must utilise and where deemed necessary, their own institutional website or any other means available until such time that the e-Tender Portal is able to publish bid advertisements and bid awards and until such time that the GPW is up and running.

3.2 Adherence to this directive on the departure from e-Tender Portal to place advertisements and awards is critical to an institutions supply chain management system and will assist in avoiding non-compliance to the National Treasury Regulations 16A6.3 (c) and (d).

3.3 Accounting officers and accounting authorities are advised that the minimum period of 21 days for advertising bids before closure, as indicated in Regulation 16A6.3 (c) remains unchanged and must still be complied with.

4. REQUEST

4.1 Accounting Officers and accounting authorities must:

- a) note that this Circular takes effect on **7 March 2021** until such time as the National Treasury via the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer notifies institutions of the ability to publish bid advertisements and bid awards on the e-Tender Publication Portal;
- b) ensure that the contents of this Circular are brought to the attention of all relevant officials within their institution; and
- c) that any enquiries relating to this Circular may be directed to:

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