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From: Procurement Policy Office To: Heads of Public Bodies

Extension of deadline for Bid submission / Closing / Decryption & Re-encryption and Opening on e-PS

- 1. Public bodies are hereby notified that the NexProcure Signing and Encryption Utility (NSEU) software (also known as the Java Utility) will be updated to version **401.11**|**119**.
- 2. The installation of the NSEU version **401.11|119** on the user's computer is a mandatory prerequisite for using the Digital Signature Certificate on e-PS which will be available as from Saturday 15th July 2023.
- 3. Consult the "How to Install NexProcure Signing and Encryption Utility?" manual available on "How to?" menu on ePS homepage for the relevant instructions.
- 4. Public bodies are required to extend by 15 days all IFB activities falling within the period 17 July 2023 to 28 July 2023, that is:
 - Releasing of IFB,
 - IFB Bid documents download, bid data preparation, bid hash value submission,
 - IFB Bid closing.
 - IFB Bid data decryption and re-encryption, and
 - IFB Opening of bids.
- 5. For further assistance, the e-Procurement Help Desk team may be contacted on eprocdesk@govmu.org

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