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From: Director, Procurement Policy Office

To : Heads of Public Bodies

Open Advertised Bidding Method

Circular No 4 of 2014 issued by this Office is repealed and replaced by this circular.

2. Sections 15 to 18 of the Public Procurement Act prescribe the circumstances and manner to use Open Advertised Bidding Method for procurement of goods, works, consultancy services and other services.

3. Public bodies may use Open Advertised Bidding Method as follows:

(i) **Open National Bidding**

This method may be used where the estimated value of the procurement is Rs 200 million or less. Participation is limited to citizens of Mauritius, Joint Ventures registered in Mauritius or entities incorporated in Mauritius, and where such limitation is stated in the invitation to bid or for prequalification, in the prequalification document. Bids obtained from overseas bidders shall be rejected.

The invitation to bid or the invitation to prequalify shall be published in a national newspaper with wide circulation. Furthermore, the invitation shall also be posted in the public procurement portal (publicprocurement.gov.mu).

(ii) **Open International Bidding**

It is mandatory for public bodies to use open international bidding for procurements of goods, works and other services, with estimated value exceeding Rs 200 million subject to section 19(1)(a) and section 21 of the Public Procurement Act. For consultancy services, the use of open international bidding is mandatory where the estimated value exceeds Rs 10 million.

For procurement of goods, works and other services with an estimated value of Rs 200 million or less, public bodies may have recourse to international bidding where they are not available under competitive price and other conditions from more than one supplier in Mauritius; or in view of the contract amount opening it to foreign suppliers might foster competition; or there is no response to open national bidding and the goods, other services or works must be obtained from international bidders.

The other requirements for Open International Bidding as per Circular No 7 of 2012, except the posting of invitation on PROMIS (COMESA Procurement Portal) through the Procurement Policy Office which is no longer required, and Circular No 5 of 2013 issued by this Office remain unchanged and should therefore be complied with.

4. Public bodies should mention in the Procurement Notice whether the procurement method is Open National Bidding, or Open International Bidding.
5. You are kindly requested to disseminate the contents of this circular to all those concerned within your organisation.

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