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From: Officer-in-Charge, Procurement Policy Office

To : Heads of Public Bodies

Public Procurement (Framework Agreement) Regulations 2013

You are hereby informed that Regulations have been made for Framework Agreement pursuant to section 29A of the Public Procurement Act. (G.N. No. 177 of 2013 refers).

2. The Public Procurement (Framework Agreement) Regulations 2013 which are effective as from 09 July 2013 provide for:

- (a) Closed Framework Agreement without second-stage competition
- (b) Closed Framework Agreement with second-stage competition and
- (c) Open Framework Agreement

3. The Regulations are available on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (PPO) (ppo.gov.mu).

4. The Framework Agreement (FA) is applicable for the procurement of goods, works, consultancy services and other services and may be used for repeated needs, rate contracts, maintenance and supplies for which delivery times and quantity are not known, procurement from more than one source etc.

5. The benefits of FA include *inter alia* reduction of procurement lead time, rapid supplies, reduction in bidding costs and prices due to economies of scale, reduction in administrative efforts as well as reduction of emergency procurement.

6. The PPO will issue detailed procedures for the conduct of FA shortly. Meanwhile it will accompany public bodies in assessing opportunities for FA, the development of customized bidding documents and will also provide support in the management of frameworks.

7. Public bodies should avail of this procurement process to render their procurement more effective and efficient, and call upon the PPO for any further guidance.

**Procurement Policy Office
23 July 2013**

***Note:** When undertaking a procurement exercise, please make sure you are using the latest version of the appropriate Standard Bidding Document available on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (ppo.gov.mu). You may also consult on the site the updated version of the Public Procurement Act and the Regulations made thereunder, as well as circulars issued by the Office.*