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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC ADVERTISEMENT IN
THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

As you may be aware, the Government of Kenya (GoK) has been undertaking reforms in Public Procurement with a view to improving the public procurement system. These reforms have seen the enactment of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005 and Regulations 2006 which established the Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) among other institutions.

One of the critical tenets that the Act seeks to foster is increased transparency aimed at enhancing public disclosure of information towards strengthening governance. In many jurisdictions that have an effective and efficient procurement system, Electronic Procurement (e-Procurement) is regarded as a very effective tool in the fight against corruption, improved transparency, promotion of integrity, higher productivity and improved value for money.

Studies have shown that successful implementation of e-Procurement systems is one of the leading and most visible result of e-government

initiatives, especially from the private sector perspective. This is informed by the fact that e-Procurement greatly improves businesses ability to access public procurement opportunities.

As part of the procurement reform initiatives, PPOA has embarked on a strategy that will lead to the introduction of the use of e-Procurement in public procuring entities. The first step towards achievement of this noble objective is the establishment of a portal by PPOA, namely www.tenders.go.ke, for advertisement of all tender opportunities in the public sector.

Towards that end, and pursuant to Sec. 9(c)(iv) of the Act, public procuring entities are hereby directed to forward a soft copy of tender advertisements to PPOA as they send them to the press for publication through the address tenders@ppoa.go.ke. This will in turn enable us post the information on the tenders portal (www.tenders.go.ke) that will provide prospective bidders with an opportunity to access all government tenders at a single point for the entire period of validity of the advertisements.

This circular further enhances compliance with section 54(1) and (2) of the Act on advertisement. Procuring entities are reminded that newspaper advertisements shall still continue as per the provisions of the Act quoted above. Further communication on e-Procurement will be provided in due course.



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