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PROVINCIAL TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 68 OF 2024

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL: OFFICE OF THE PREMIER OF MPUMALANGA

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT CEOS OF THE PUBLIC ENTITIES

THE CHIEF DIRECTORATE: SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT THE CHIEF DIRECTORATE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT THE CHIEF DIRECTORATE: FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

SUBJECT: CAUTIONARY NOTICE ON ADVERTISING, PUBLISHING AND CLOSING OF BIDS OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

1. PURPOSE

This circular serves to inform Heads of Department and Chief Executive Officers of public entities in the Province about the arrangement for advertisement of bid notices during the festive season, commencing on 16 December 2024 until 10 January 2025. The Provincial Treasury's directive in this regard is derived from National Treasury's correspondence of 20 November 2024, which is attached for your easy reference.

2. BACKGROUND

Organs of State , which are complaint to the PFMA must, in terms of sub-regulation 16A6.3(c) of the Treasury Regulations advertise their competitive bids on the tender-bulletin for a minimum of 21 days before closure, except in urgent cases whereby bids may be advertised for a shorter period, as the relevant Accounting Officer may determine.

In the light of the above, the Provincial Treasury would like to encourage departments and public entities to consider submitting their requests for bid advertisements for placement on the Provincial tender-bulletin and e-tender portal on time, before the start of the festive season period mentioned above.

Ref/2024/11/1029



3. DISCUSSION

Due to the approaching festive season, during which the majority of industries and potential service-providers will be closed, the Provincial Treasury is of the view that, advertising of bids during this period may not necessarily provide for the require exposure for quite a number of potential service-providers in the market.

It is for this reason that the Provincial Treasury directs as follows:

Departments and Public Entities are advised not to advertise competitive bids during the period 16 December 2024 to 10 January 2025.

It is trusted that this arrangement will allow bidders and potential service-providers a fair and equal opportunity to respond accordingly to advertised projects in the Mpumalanga Province.

MS. GUGU MASHITENG HEAD: PROVINCIAL TREASURY DATE: 28-11-2024

