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NOTICE TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ENTITIES AND BIDDERS

Following the changes introduced by the Government of Rwanda through the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Health in order to fight the spread of COVID-19;

RPPA recognizes that the current situation has affected some public procurement activities and would like to remind both PPEs and bidders the following:

1. In order to respect the principle of fair competition and value for money all PPEs are requested to avoid the use of discriminatory criteria in their published ToRs and technical specifications (for instance the request for requirements/documents that are irrelevant to the nature of the tender, request for abnormal credit lines, etc.);
2. All PPEs are reminded to facilitate the successful bidders to provide one or the other form of performance security as prescribed in Article 63 of Law N0 62/2018 of 25/08/2018 Governing Public Procurement and no PPE is allowed to impose the provision of the performance security exclusively from the bank versus other acceptable guarantees;
3. Where some documents are required including those provided by Financial or public institutions, Bidders should be facilitated in submission of such documents and where necessary be given a chance to prove that they have made online requests;
4. For all contracts the execution of which has been affected by the lockdown, PPEs and successful bidders are advised to inform each other of the negative effects in the execution of any obligations of the contract. Each party must strictly refer to the provisions of the law governing public procurement in its articles (164-168) concerning contract execution in case of force majeure;
5. In accordance with article 116 of the law governing public procurement, for works that were temporarily suspended due to the lockdown, PPEs and successful bidders are required to agree on measures to be put in place in order to avoid any loss which may result from such a suspension. Successful bidders are also reminded to abide with Article 117 of the same law in order to ensure the security of works already executed;

6. All bidders are required to start preparing their bids as early as possible to avoid last-minute submission which might result in missing out due to various difficulties and challenges at hand.

Note: A circular related to discriminatory criteria in public procurement will be shared soon for ease of reference

However, RPPA remains at your disposal for advice and further guidance and do not hesitate to contact us by the use of the following usual channels:

For general enquiries, tel: +250 786 582 957 || email to info@rppa.gov.rw. For Umucyo System Support, tel: +250 788 381 536 || email to: e-procurement@minecofin.gov.rw.

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