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PUBLIC ADVISORY #19

REQUEST FOR ALL PUBLIC BODIES TO REMIT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THEIR ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND "NAMED" PROCUREMENT OFFICER

In light of full proclamation of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015, as amended ("the Act"), effective 26th April, 2023, the Office of Procurement Regulation ("the Office") wishes to remind all public bodies of the following sections of the Act:

Section 13 (1) The functions of the Office are to-

(a) Establish a comprehensive database of information on public procurement, including information on tenders received, the award and value of contracts, and such other information of public interest as the Office thinks fit.

Thus, section 61 (2) provides -

For the purpose of this Act, a public body shall have a procurement officer who shall be responsible for public procurement and the disposal of public property for that body and shall notify the Office, in writing, of the name and designation of its procurement officer.

Further, the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Procurement (Methods and Procedures) Regulations, 2021 Part 1 (2) defines an Accounting Officer as:

"Accounting Officer" means a person appointed by the Treasury and charged with the duty of accounting for any service in respect of which monies have been appropriated by the Constitution or by Parliament, or any person to whom issues are made from the Exchequer Account in accordance with the Exchequer and Audit Act, or the Chief Executive Officer or any other person holding the equivalent position in a procuring entity;

In light of the above, the Office advises ALL Public bodies and persons/entities in receipt of public money, as defined in section 4 of the Act, to submit the name, designation and contact information of the organisation's Accounting Officer and "named" procurement officer to the Office, no later than May 15th, 2023 to feedback@opr.org.tt.

Procurement Board of Trinidad and Tobago
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