

2nd March, 2016

The Honourable Minister

Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing Headquarters
Mabushi
Abuja.



ATTN: The Permanent Secretary

Dear Sir,

REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP ON ADAPTATION OF THE OPEN CONTRACTING DATA STANDARDS (OCDS) FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Following the “Workshop to Share Korea’s Clean Construction System for Increased Transparency in Management of Public Infrastructure Projects” jointly attended by staff of the Ministry of Works, Power and Housing and PPDC in December, 2015 in Seoul, we write to formally request partnership with your Ministry to pilot the Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS). Further, we request for audience to demonstrate to you in person, and to your officials, the utility of the OCDS in verifying the performance of public construction projects.

Given the high volume and value of construction in Nigeria, there are a number of allegations and actual incidences of inefficiencies and corruption in the construction sector which have over the years deprived Nigeria of improved infrastructure.

As a country with a high threshold and volume of infrastructural projects, it is our view that a more open and coherent construction sector can contribute significantly to improving the selection of contractors, and consequently, improve the quality and value attained from eventual public infrastructure delivered. The OCDS can contribute significantly to achieving these goals.

In view of our experience monitoring Public procurement processes and in view of the resolutions jointly reached between ourselves, the Ministry of Works and the UNDP at the recent Seoul Clean Construction workshop, we write to formally request for a partnership with your Ministry to pilot the Open Contracting Data standards in the construction sector.

Please find attached a concept note for more details.

A demonstration of how the OCDS works is available at www.budeshi.org and we would appreciate the opportunity to present this to you in person, and to your officials.

For any clarification, please send us an email at ppdc@procurementmonitor.org or reach us on mobile phone at 07066618896.

Thank you,

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