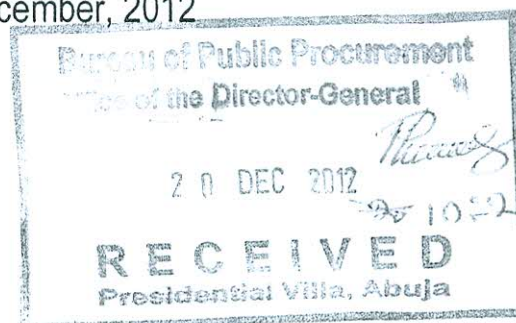


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**IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCUREMENT
ACTIVITIES FOR NEW AND ON-GOING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES IN THE
2013 BUDGET BILL BY MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES**

In order to ensure early and full implementation of the 2013 Budget Bill when it is enacted into law, there is need for all Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to immediately commence the implementation of the procurement activities for all new and on-going projects and programmes as indicated in their respective 2013 Procurement Plans and Budget Proposals in compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

2. To this end, each MDA is expected to:
 - (a) Establish Procurement Planning Committees;
 - (b) Place Advertisements and solicit for bids in accordance with Sections 16(1)(c), 19(a), 25(2), of the Public Procurement Act;
 - (c) Prepare Standard Bidding Documents for all projects by adopting the Standard Bidding Document Templates already developed by the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) for easy implementation; and
 - (d) Examine and evaluate the bids received in line with Sections 31, 32 and 33 of the Public Procurement Act to determine and select the best responsive bids with a view to ensuring fairness and give value for money. Awards should only be made when the budget is finally signed into law by Mr. President after all necessary clearances are obtained.
3. Ministries, Departments and Agencies are to ensure that all Advertisements for new projects and programmes (whether for Prequalification, Financial Bids or combined exercises) are explicit and that qualifying requirements, scope of works

and project/programme locations are clearly indicated. In addition, MDAs should ensure that tendering periods are adequate as stipulated in the Act.

4. It is expected that if all MDAs immediately commence the implementation of procurement activities and comply with procedures and time-lines laid down in the Act, the process for award of most contracts would have been concluded by the end of May 2013 thereby providing the platform for full implementation of the 2013 Budget by Federal Government.

5. The implementation of this Circular takes immediate effect and all Accounting Officers are required to ensure strict compliance in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.



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