

EDITORIAL

Behold a New Dawn for Procurement Officers in Federal Civil Service

When the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation issued circular on 18 July this year, asking the Bureau of Public procurement (BPP) to commence the process of managing and handling the mobility of Procurement Officers, there was anxiety among the rank and file of procurement operatives. There were petitions by aggrieved officers and, notably, sponsored newspaper reports rubbishing the implementation of the reforms.

The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Alhaji Bukar Goni Aji, and Director General of the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Engr. Emeka M. Ezeh, quickly took steps to reassure everyone about the good intentions of the policy changes. One of the most significant of these steps was a meeting that the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation and BPP held with procurement officers in the Federal Civil Service on 11 December at the New State House Auditorium. At this meeting issues resulting from these changes, vis-à-vis their implications for the career management of procurement officers, were clarified.

Indeed, BPP thereafter effectively took over the management of the careers of all procurement officers in the Federal Civil Service. And by this development, procurement officers joined the league of other professional cadres in the Federal Civil Service, such as Accountants, Information Officers, Legal Officers, etc, who have dual routes to getting to the top of their careers.

One good thing going for the reform of public procurement is that there is no absence of both administrative and political support for its implementation, as evidenced by the following:

1. The Public Procurement Act, 2007 is clear on BPP's role. Under Part II, section 5 (k) of the Act, BPP is required to "organize training and development programmes for procurement professionals."
2. Reflecting the Federal Government's commitment to the implementation of this aspect of the Act, on 19 March 2009, the late President Umar Musa YarÁdua gave approval for Procurement Officers to be brought under the purview of the BPP.
3. President Jonathan, in full support of the ongoing reform of the public procurement system, has continued to give unparalleled support to the Bureau as part of the restructuring of the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation.

The onus now rests on Procurement officers to seize the momentum and take their career destinies in their own hands. The Public Procurement Journal welcomes this development and promises to provide ample space in each of its editions for material to enrich the knowledge of readers. The publishers will make special efforts to make a copy of the journal available to every procurement officer in the Federal Civil Service. The journal can also be accessed on www.bpp.gov.ng

In return we will welcome scholarly material and articles on procurement and related matters from readers, so that Public Procurement Journal can become a veritable forum for all stakeholders in public procurement.

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FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION

S/N	ITEM/SERVICE	NAME OF COMPANY	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	COST	DATE	DURATION
1	Contract for the Rehabilitation and Expansion of the outer Southern Expressway (OSEX) from Villa Round About to OSSEX/ Ring Road 1 Junction including five interchanges	Messrs. CGC Nigeria Ltd.	Federal Capital Territory Administration	₦39,829,749,225.69	02/10/13	36 Months
2	Contract for the Provision of Engineering Infrastructure to Plot 4075, Asokoro Extension (Comprising 50 Plots), Abuja	Messrs. COAN (W.A) Limited.	Federal Capital Territory Administration	₦1,683,258,423.00	02/10/13	12 Months
3	Construction of New Residences for Presiding Officers of the National Assembly, Abuja	Messrs Julius Berger (Nig) Plc.	Federal Capital Territory Administration	₦24,148,141,656.29 including VAT	09/10/13	24 Months
4	Award of Contract for the construction of the Phase III, Part III including the rehabilitation/upgrading of the two chambers of the National Assembly	Messrs Julius Berger (Nigeria) Plc	Federal Capital Territory Administration	₦40,238,899,499.85	11/12/13	40 Months

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Development of Lekki Deep Sea Port in Lagos State through PPP for a concession period of 45 years for the Ministry of Transport/NPA						
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S/N	ITEM/SERVICE	NAME OF COMPANY	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	COST	DATE	DURATION
a	Approve the Development of Lekki Deep Sea Port in Lagos State through PPP for a concession period of 45 years for the Ministry of Transport/NPA	Messrs Lekki Port LFTZ Enterprise ("the Project Proponents"	Ministry of Transport/NPA	USD1,354,500,000.00 Under Concession Agreement	04/12/13	
b	Approval for issuance of a Guarantee to cover financial obligation of the NPA to pay compensation in the event of expropriation, war, civil disturbance, breach of contract and other events of default as per the concession agreement for the Development of the Port, as USD800,000,000.00) out of the project cost is to be funded through debt financing while the balance of USD554,500,000.00 is to be contributed by equity as in the table below					

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1	Construction, Delivery and Commissioning of 100 number "R" Class MDPE Channel Marking Bouys for the Ministry of Transport (MOT) /Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA)	Messrs Marina Energy Limited (Formerly known as Marina Gold Fountain Resources)	Federal Ministry of Transport	USD 3,574,216 at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of payment inclusive of all taxes	09/10/13	20 Weeks
2	Consultancy Services for the Dredging of Escravos – Warr – Aladja to Koro Channel in Warri Pilotage District	Messrs Aim Consultants Limited	Federal Ministry of Transport	₦ 274,990,038.27 inclusive of all Taxes	23/10/13	10 Months
3	Construction of Ship Building Facility and Dockyard at Okerenkoko Delta State: Maritime equipment and Structures, Ancilliary Buildings and Electro-Mechanical Works and Facilities (Package 1): Civil and Infrastructure Work (Package 2)	Messrs Narda Limited and Messrs. Mangrovetech Construction Engineering Limited	Federal Ministry of Transport	₦ 58,700,988,355.29	23/10/13	36 Months and 34 Months respectively