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HEADS OF MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2016/17: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEWS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to communicate and initiate a refined approach to municipal supply chain management policy reviews.

2. BACKGROUND

Regulation 3(1) (b) of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations requires the Accounting Officers of municipalities and Accounting Authorities of municipal entities to review the implementation of the supply chain management policy at least once per annum. Regulation 3(2) (c) further requires the Accounting Officer/Authority to report any deviation from the guideline standard to the National and Provincial Treasuries. To give effect to the Regulations, KwaZulu-Natal municipalities have been submitting policies for review to the Provincial Treasury at least once per year or as and when there are amendments municipalities intend to make in their respective supply chain management policies. In response, Provincial Treasury would highlight all inconsistencies with the applicable legislation and advise municipalities on the proposed way forward.

On 13 – 14 August 2015, the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government hosted a successful Procurement Indaba at the Durban International Convention Centre. The resolutions of the Procurement Indaba covered a wide spectrum of both challenges and opportunities in the

public sector procurement space. Chief among the resolutions is the placing of public procurement at the centre stage for Radical Economic Transformation. To realize, inter alia, this resolution, Provincial Treasury has developed a new approach to municipal policy reviews.

3. AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF NEW MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN POLICIES

Provincial Treasury will conduct roadshows in the month of April 2017. The aim of these roadshows is to introduce changes to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) Regulations 2017, to inform the general public, prospective suppliers and all concerned parties about the impact of the implementation of the Procurement Indaba resolutions and to consult the same audience on other ways to improve the public procurement space. Immediately following the roadshows, Provincial Treasury will consult all municipal councils on amendments to respective supply chain policies to give effect to Radical Economic Transformation. The expected outcomes of this process is the collaborative development of supply chain policies that respond to the needs of the communities we serve as well as to drive and foster Radical Economic Transformation in the province.

Municipalities are therefore requested not to submit policies for review to Provincial Treasury. Furthermore, all policies that have been submitted but not reviewed by Provincial Treasury, will be reviewed in the process highlighted in paragraph 3 of this Circular. Provincial Treasury will keep a database of all new municipal policies and where an amendment is required, will advise the municipality and provide all the necessary assistance. Municipalities with pressing policy matters may still contact Provincial Treasury for advice and guidance.

4. APPLICABILITY

This circular applies to all KwaZulu-Natal Municipalities.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date for this Circular is 01 April 2017.

6. CONTACT INFORMATION

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