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NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS / SERVICE PROVIDERS

INTENTION TO RE-ADVERTISE TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

Dear Service Provider / Prospective Bidder,

RE: INTENTION TO RE-ADVERTISE TENDER NO. PPLS-MM-2026-2029-KMHLM – PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

The Municipality wishes to inform all prospective bidders/service providers who expressed an interest in the above-mentioned tender that it has identified concerns regarding the **functionality criteria and evaluation requirements** contained in the tender documentation.

Upon further review, it was determined that certain aspects of the functionality requirements were **not sufficiently clear and unambiguous** to ensure that all prospective bidders would have a common understanding of the requirements and that bids could be evaluated consistently and objectively.

The Municipality recognises that clear, objective and transparent functionality criteria are essential to ensuring that all prospective bidders are afforded an **equal and fair opportunity** to compete. The Municipality is therefore of the view that proceeding with the current tender in its existing form may not adequately uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, competitiveness and equitable treatment required in the public procurement process.

In the interest of ensuring a fair and transparent procurement process and compliance with the applicable provisions of the **Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) (MFMA)**, the applicable Supply Chain Management Regulations and the Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy, the Municipality intends to **re-advertise the tender**.

The re-advertisement will allow the Municipality to:

- Clarify and improve the functionality requirements.
- Clearly define the evaluation criteria and scoring methodology.
- Ensure that the requirements are objectively measurable and capable of consistent application to all bidders;
- Provide all prospective bidders with an equal opportunity to compete; and

- Ensure that the procurement process is conducted in accordance with the applicable legislative and SCM requirements.

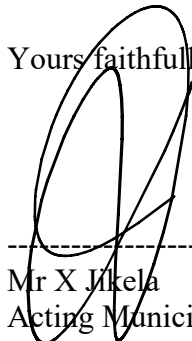
The Municipality wishes to emphasise that the decision to re-advertise is being taken **in the interest of fairness, transparency and good governance** and is not intended to prejudice any bidder or service provider who may have already submitted a bid.

Should you have already submitted a bid in response to the current tender, please note that the re-advertisement will constitute a **new procurement process**, and interested service providers will be required to submit a new bid in accordance with the revised tender documentation.

Further details regarding the re-advertisement, including the revised tender document, functionality criteria, closing date and submission requirements, will be communicated through the applicable official tender advertisement channels.

The Municipality appreciates your interest in providing legal services and your understanding of the decision to review and re-advertise the tender. This step is being taken to safeguard the integrity of the procurement process and to ensure that all prospective bidders are treated fairly and equitably.

Yours faithfully,



Mr X Jikela
Acting Municipal Manager

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