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Dear Ms. Memela

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM NATIONAL TREASURY TO DEVIATE FROM NORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR SASSA TO REQUEST QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY AND ISSUING OF SRD IN THE FORM OF RELIEF PARCELS IN SIX (6) REGIONS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE LIST OF SELELCTED SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO QUALIFIED IN TERM OF FUNCATIONALITY DURING THE EVALUATION OF THE CANCELLED BID NO SASSA:01/19/GA/EC/KZN/LP/MP/GP/WC.

1. The National Treasury acknowledges receipt of your letter dated and received 19 December 2019.
2. You letter request the deviation from normal competitive bidding process for SASSA to request quotations for supply and issuing of SRD in the form of relief parcels in Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Kwazulu Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Western Cape regions. The cost is estimated at R 239, 316,000.00 for the 2020/21 financial year
3. The reason provided for the deviation is that, the Bid Evaluation Committee experienced challenges during the evaluation of the bid that led to late request for the extension of the bid validity and the tender was approved for cancellation.
4. A new bid was advertised on 17 January 2020 on the Government Printing Works Schedule. SASSA herby request that quotations be sourced from the service providers that passed functionality and be contracted for the period of six (6) months. Such period will allow the open bidding press to be initiated and finalised.
5. It should be further noted that the nature of this service requires multiple services providers per region as a strategy to provide immediate service within the set delivery timelines. Therefore, all regions should be serviced by multiple service providers to allow for smooth services delivery.
6. The reason provided to deviation are justifiable based on the nature of service. National Treasury support the extension of the deviation for six (6) months only, i.e. January 2020 to June 2020. SASSA should submit cost estimate for six (6) months to National Treasury for verification. SASSA must finalise the bidding process within the extension period.

7. SASSA has an obligation to ensure that any contract for goods and services is in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.

Kind regards,



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ACTING CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

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