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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **HIGH ALERT: TENDER FRAUDSTERS**

Bloem Water would like to warn all the service providers and tenderers to be aware of tender fraudsters.

It has come to the attention of the Entity that there are scammers who use Bloem Water's information such as email address, physical address and contact numbers luring potential bidders into responding to their unscrupulous requests.

The scammers are soliciting money from tenderers, promising them a successful bid while pretending to be employed in Bloem Water's Supply Chain Management. No employee will send out an email or call a service provider/tenderer after the tender is advertised and try to discuss the matter to solicit money. No employee will request any amount of money for the advertised tender. Tenders are advertised at no cost.

The Entity would like to make the service providers/tenderers aware of these activities and urge them to contact and inform the nearest Police and the Entity of any suspicious requests, alternatively call Bloem Water's independent hotline at 080 202 8882. The scammers are using the email address that may seem authentic and it is easy for anyone to fall into the trap.

Bloem Water's procurement and tender processes are regulated and informed by policies that comply to the Public Finance Management Act(PFMA), Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act(PPFA). These processes are highly regulated to minimise the risk of fraud and to meet the objectives that includes competitive bidding processes, value for money, equality, accountability, fair dealing, transparency and ethical approach.

Bloem Water will unfortunately not be held liable in the event of loss of moneys as the Entity does not accept any cash for tenders.

Be vigilant and always verify information to avoid being a victim.

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