

REPORT A TWO DAY SENSITIZATION TRAINING ORGANISED BY THE NASARAWA STATE BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN NASARAWA STATE. HELD ON THE 3RD TO 4TH JUNE 2021 AT THE BUREAU'S CONFERENCE HALL.

1.0 The sensitization training was organized by the Bureau, BPP following the approval by His Excellency **Engr. Abdullahi A. Sule**, Governor Nasarawa State to carry out the Second Phase of Sensitizing the Small and Medium Enterprises in the State on the role of the Nasarawa State Bureau of Public Procurement (NSBPP) and how the (SMEs) in the State can participate adequately in contract awards with a view of ensuring the right processes are followed in line with the best global practices of procurement.

1.1 The sensitization training was declared open by the Director General of the Bureau, **Dominic A. Bako** Ph.D. who warmly welcomed participants to the sensitization workshop saying the purpose of inviting them was to enlighten them on the functions of the Bureau. He also opined that with the establishment of the Bureau, the State Government has shifted from the old ways of doing things. That corruption is largely the cause of poverty, and that abandoned projects in the past shows that the proper

procurement processes were not followed, As SMEs in the State; they ought to be the driven in the growth of the State's economy that is why the Government deemed it necessary to invite them for the sensitization workshop to acquaint them with the processes and procedures in the conduct of Government business which involves one form of procurement or the other. Consequently he advised them to open up on all their challenges and issues for amicable resolutions.

1.2 The 2 sessions sensitization workshop featured presentation by the resource person **Mal. Bashir D. Zubairu** with the topic **“Public procurement: Principles, Categories and Method”**. With the following sub-topics:-

- i. Public procurement processes in Nigeria.
- ii. The Bureau of Public Procurement
- iii. The Public Procurement cycle.
- iv. The goal of Public Procurement
- v. Actors/ Stakeholders Analysis.
- vi. Similarities and Differences between Public and Private sector Procurement.

vii. Procurement legal framework.

viii. Tenders Boards.

ix. Basic principles of Public Procurement.

X. Procurement methods.

1.3 During the workshop, participants were enlightened on what procurement is all about, the BPP Law, Contract procedures, as well as due processes. They were also exposed to the basic principles of procurement which are transparency, integrity, fairness, completion, accountability. etc.

2.0 Directors of the Bureau also during syndicate sessions shaded more light on the functions of the BPP, processes of registration of contactors as well as answered some questions asked by the participants.

2.1 The participants appreciated the Bureau for organizing such an enlightening and educative workshop and solicited that the Government should consider them in the awards of contract awards and allocation of shops in the newly constructed markets in some Local Governments across the State.

* They were all advised to register with the Bureau's Website and or Portal as well as form clusters and forward their requests to the governor for his kind attention in that regards.

* SMEs that have capacity to train youths and women should equally forward Proposal to His Excellency, the Governor in that regards.

CONCLUSION.

At the end of the 2day's workshop (batch 1&2), participants were fully equipped with basic fundamental procurement processes, procedures and methods.

The Director General appreciated the resource person for the wonderful presentations and also the participants for participating and contributing meaningfully throughout the workshop.

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