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CPBN INTRODUCES REVISED PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BID EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Central Procurement Board of Namibia (CPBN) has introduced strengthened procedures governing the appointment of Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) members, as part of ongoing efforts to improve service delivery, strengthen transparency and accountability in public procurement.

Section 9(i) of the Public Procurement Act, 15 of 2015 as amended empowers the Board to “appoint persons to act as members of a bid evaluation committee of the Board, including representatives nominated by the relevant public entities”.

In compliance with Section 26 (1) (a) of the Act, the Board establishes an ad hoc Bid Evaluation Committee consisting of members drawn from the general public. These persons are not employees of CPBN.

The BEC appointment procedures are aimed at promoting the objects of the Act, which are, amongst others, integrity; fair dealing; transparency; and efficiency. The salient features of the strengthened procedures are:

1. Applicants must possess qualifications accredited by the Namibia Qualification Authority;
2. Applicants must be in a possession of a valid and clean certificate of conduct issued by the Namibian Police.
3. Applicants will be required to undergo compulsory structured training and complete a competency assessment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Ms. M. Shiimi (Chairperson) | Mr. A. Collard | Ms. J. !Garus-Oas | Mr. I. Kadhila | Ms. L. Kazetjikuria | Mr. S. Shivute
| Mr. P. Tshiningayamwe | Mr. I. Itope (CEO) | Ms. E. Shiponeni (Corporate Governance Practitioner)

4. Prior to appointment, the candidates shall be required to confirm uninterrupted availability from the closing date of the bid.
5. The appointed BEC members will be assessed on their performance of conducting an evaluation of the bid.

The appointment of of BEC members will, take into account the nature, complexity, and technical specifications of each bid.

This enhanced process ensures that individuals entrusted with evaluating public bids are well trained, possess the necessary technical expertise and can complete the evaluation process efficiently.

Interested and qualified members of the public are advised to prepare their qualifications and certificate of conducts. Detailed information regarding the application process will be published soon on CPBN's website and social media platforms.

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