

MEDIA STATEMENT

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8 DECEMBER 2020

RE: CANCELLATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES MEDICAL AID SCHEME (PSEMAS) BID

The Central Procurement Board of Namibia (CPBN) wishes to inform all media houses, bidders and the general public that the above-mentioned bid was cancelled due to non-responsiveness after going through a rigorous evaluation process.

The PSEMAS bid was first advertised in the print media and on CPBN's website on 04 June 2020 with a deadline of 22 July 2020. This deadline was later extended to 23 September 2020 due to amendments that were made in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) as well as to grant bidders sufficient time to complete their SBD's in line with Section 47 (1) of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) of 2015 (Act No. 15 of 2015).

In total, six (6) bids were received and evaluated by the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC), in line with Section 52 of the PPA. It is through the evaluation process that all six bids were found non-responsive by the BEC as they did not meet the following mandatory and eligibility evaluation criteria:

1.1 The bidders did not meet the requirements of Section 29 (a) of the PPA "reserved to citizens of Namibia". Provide proof of ownership [Attach certified copies of all shareholders certificates and Namibian Identification Documents or

Members Interest Certificate and Namibian Identification Documents]. Bidders must Complete Company Shareholding information form on Page 109; and

1.9 Submission of CV's and certified copies of qualification (degree/diploma, proof of qualification and registration with relevant professional body) of essential personnel:-

- Pharmacist registered with the Health Professional Council of Namibia (HPCN);*
- Dentist registered with the HPCN;*
- Medical Doctors registered with the HPCN; and*
- 2x Specialist in different medical fields, registered with the HPCN.*

Considering the above shortcomings, the BEC recommends the cancellation of the PSEMAS bid to the Board of which the Board approved in terms of Section 54 (1) (a) of the PPA, which reads: *"The Board or a public entity may, at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid, reject all bids or cancel the bidding process, if - (a) all the bids are non-responsive"*. The decision of the Board to cancel the PSEMAS bid was communicated to all bidders on 04 December 2020.

On the way forward, the Ministry of Finance will be required to re-assess the requirements that led to the cancellation of the bid and resubmit any changes to CPBN in terms of Section 54 (4) of the PPA.

The Executive Summary Report on the examination and evaluation of bids for the procurement of the Administrator for the Administration of the Public Service Employees Medical Aid Scheme (PSEMAS) to the Ministry of Finance is available on CPBN's website at <https://www.cpb.org.na/index.php/cancelled-bids>

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