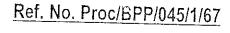
## CIRCULAR





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Chief of Staff to the President,

Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Office of the Vice-President,

Honourable Ministers/Ministers of State,

Head of the Civil Service of the Federation,

Special Advisers/Senior Special Assistants,

Service Chiefs/Inspector-General of Police,

Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission,

Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau,

Chairman, Federal Character Commission,

Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission,

Chairman, National Population Commission,

Chairman, Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission,

Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria,

Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission,

Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,

Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency,

Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments,

Clerk of the National Assembly,
Chief Registrar, Supreme Court of Nigeria,
Secretary, National Judicial Council,
Auditor-General for the Federation,
Accountant-General of the Federation,
Directors-General/Chief Executives of Parastatals,
Agencies and Government-Owned Companies.

## NEED FOR PROPER COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT, 2007 BY MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FOR ALL PROCUREMENTS

It has come to the attention of the Federal Government that some MDAs are not substantially complying with relevant provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 in the conduct of their procurements. It is particularly noted that some MDAs habitually carry out procurements in a subjective manner and without proper recourse to the fundamental principles of transparency, accountability and value for money which is not acceptable to Government and will no longer be tolerated.

- 2. For the avoidance of doubt, all MDAs are reminded that Procurement Plans are required to guide MDAs and BPP in ensuring budget implementation in line with the Administration's drive to deliver dividends of democracy. Therefore, Procurement processes are to be carried out in a manner that promotes competition, economy and efficiency and in accordance with laid down procedures and time-lines and as may be specified by the Bureau of Public Procurement from time to time as stipulated in Section 16 (1)(b) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.
- 3. All Accounting Officers are further reminded that they are charged with line supervision of the conduct of all procurement processes and overall responsibility for the planning of, organization of tenders, evaluation of tenders and execution of all

procurements. They are, therefore, not only responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Act by their respective MDAs but also liable in person for the breach or contravention of the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and all extant Regulations on Procurement. Where necessary, Accounting Officers are to seek clarifications from the Bureau of Public Procurement for guidance in the process of any procurement.

- In adherence with the communique issued at the end of the Permanent Secretaries Retreat, All MDAs are accordingly, reminded that henceforth requests from MDAs not accompanied with Procurement Plans shall not be accorded the necessary approvals to proceed with such procurements.
- Please bring the contents of this Circular to the attention of all concerned, 5. particularly the Desk Officers for strict compliance with this resolution in order to realise Government's laudable programmes through collective efforts.

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Secretary to the Government of the Federation