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Ministry of Finance,
Expenditure Department.
20 February, 2023.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO:

The Chief of Staff to Mr. Governor,
The Special Assistant to the Deputy Governor,
State Commissioners,
The Secretary to the State Government,
The Head of Service,
Special Advisers,
Chairmen of Commissions/Boards,
Permanent Secretaries,
Tutors-General,
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The Accountant-General,
The State Auditor-General,
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2. I wish to reiterate that the default method of procurement is neither direct purchase nor direct labour which is quite common with some MEAs. This has been seriously abused. While the default method of procurement is Open Competitive Bidding, any MEAs that wants to carry out minor works by Direct Labour or Direct Purchase should obtain "Certificate of *No Objection*" from ODBPP before requesting for release of funds from this Ministry. This is also applicable to all contract awards or Request for Quotation.

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3. Premised on the foregoing, I am directed to inform you that, henceforth any request for release of funds should, for the purpose of due diligence obtain ODBPP benchmark price and also be vetted by the Internal Audit as the case maybe. Please, note that any financial request that does not adhere to the conditions mentioned above will not be entertained by this Ministry.

4. Kindly give the content of this circular the widest publicity it deserves.

5. Thank you.


Olufemi Moyinlorun,
for: Permanent Secretary