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PUBLIC WARNING ON SCAMS

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This is a warning to members of the public particularly contractors and service providers to **be aware of scams that misuse government information and names of senior officials within the Department of Public Works to defraud people.** The scammers are targeting contractors after the Intention to Award is published to solicit payments for projects to be awarded.

The Department of Public Works prides itself in being completely transparent with all its contracts. We advertise tenders and publicly disclose all awards either in the press or other communication platforms.

As a contractor, service provider or member of the public, **please be extra vigilant of phone calls or emails that ask for payment of any sort. No government Department asks for any payment other than the nominal cost of a tender document.**

Emails with government logos and government contract information have been regularly misused to con innocent people. Similarly, scammers call contractors or service providers using names of senior government officials to solicit payments with the intention to defraud them.

The public is urged to take extra precaution to verify the source of any communication that may be even slightly suspicious or not from an official source. **Report any suspicious behaviour to SAPS or the National Anti-Corruption hotline 0800 701 701.**

Paying any money for a contract or a job also makes you a part of the crime. The Department of Public Works is committed to clean governance and the Batho Pele principles of putting our people first.

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