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Course Unit: Public Procurement Practices

Course Code: PSM 2204

Instructions to candidates:

- ⤴ Time allowed: 3 HOURS
- ⤴ Answer any FOUR questions
- ⤴ All questions carry equal marks.



QUESTION 1

- (a) Public procurement is a process that involves several players and draws its authority from the PPDA Act (2003) and requires all Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs) to have certain participants in place. Explain the functions of a Procurement and Disposal Unit. **[13 marks]**
- (b) Discuss the likely consequences for not upholding the basic public procurement principles. **[12 marks]**

QUESTION 2

- (a) Explain the importance of public procurement to the economy, as well as explore the likely problems that would arise if public procurement were done wrongly. **[13 marks]**
- (b) Best procurement practice is a key contributor to any organization's strategic goals. Discuss the benefits in adopting best practices. **[12 marks]**

QUESTION 3:

- (a) Discuss the circumstances in which a competitive bidding exercise might not be the best approach to making a purchase. **[15 marks]**
- (b) Explain the challenges faced by the Public Procurement and Disposal Entities/units in the execution of the procurement process. **[10 marks]**

QUESTION 4:

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets (PPDA) Regulations, 2003 regarding Disposal Management, require that a Procuring and Disposing Entity should select an appropriate Method of Disposal to use. Specifically Part IV and Part V of these regulations provide an outline of the various methods from which the concerned entity may choose depending on the nature of the disposal arrangement. However, for competitive bidding the entity may use public auctioning, or Public Bidding. On the other hand Direct Negotiations could be used for non-competitive Disposal arrangements. Despite the guidelines under this instrument and other supporting instruments (the law), PDEs always get problems when selecting the methods of Disposal to apply.

- (a) Examine the factors you would consider when selecting an appropriate method of disposal. **[10 marks]**
- (b) With examples, explain the circumstances under which (i) Public Bidding, and (ii) Direct Negotiations would be recommended as appropriate methods for disposal purposes. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION 5:

(a) Explain what is meant by the term 'Framework contracts', and state the reasons why these are recommended for Public Procurements. **[12 marks]**

(b) Briefly discuss the obligations charged to the provider during the implementation and execution of a 'Public Procurement' contract. **[13 marks]**

QUESTION 6:

A public private partnership may not be the best option for delivering a public service or project. Government should undertake a cautious approach and examine all relevant factors and issues when considering this type of arrangement.

(a) Discuss the potential risks of public-private partnerships. **[10 marks]**

(b) Under what circumstances can the governments consider partnerships with the private sector? **[15 marks]**

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