A SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ADAMAWA STATE BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (ADSBPP), ABBA BELLO UMAR, DURING A ONE DAY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON **STANDARD PROCESS** PROCUREMENT **AND** PROCEDURES/ ADAMAWA STATE PROCUREMENT LAW, ORGANIZED FOR CONTRACTORS IN ADAMAWA STATE AND FACILITATED BY THE RULE OF LAW AND ANTI-CORRUPTION (ROLAC) EUROPEAN UNION/BRITISH COUNCIL FUNDED PROJECT. HELD AT AUN HOTEL, ON 3/7/2019 BY 10AM.

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this first ever capacity building training workshop, which is organized to acquaint our contractors on Standard Procurement Process and Procedures and the Adamawa State Procurement Law No.7 2013.

This training, is indeed timely given the focus of government and all concerned for due process and Zero tolerance for corruption which seeks to undermined our cooperate existence and development.

For us in the ADSBPP, we are proud to be associated with the European Union and the British Council through its Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) funded project, you have been quite supportive of our activities by strengthening and providing technical

support and capacity building to various categories of staff of the Bureau.

Today's training, is yet another mild stone in our collective effort to institutionalize and inculcate the virtues of transparency, accountability and other indices that promote good governance.

As contractors you will be exposed to fundamentals of Standard Procurement and the various provisions of the Adamawa State Procurement Law No. 7 of 2013 which will guide you in your day to day activities with MDAs and the Bureau.

You are aware that as critical stakeholders, you also have the social responsibility to help in strengthening the process and procedures of public procurement in order to make the system transparent, competitive and cost effective that will give value for public funds being expended.

This requires you to fulfill all righteousness by providing all the major and general requirements for pre-qualification/financial to bid for any contract.

I also wish to remind the contractors and service providers about the provision of the Adamawa State Public Procurement Law Section 58 sub-section (4) (a), (b) and (c) thus:

(a) Entering or attempting to enter into a collusive agreement, whether enforceable or not with a supplier, contractor or consultant where the prices quoted in their respective tenders, proposal or

quotations are or would be higher than would have been the case had there been no collusion between the persons concerned;

- (b) Conducting or attempting to conduct procurement fraud by means of fraudulent and corrupt acts, unlawful influence, undue interest, favour agreement, bribery or corruption;
- (c) Directly, indirectly or attempting to influence in any manner the procurement process to obtain an unfair advantage in the award of a procurement contract;

Therefore, ignorance of the Law is not an excuse.

It is in this context that I urge you to be open and freely exchange ideas with the Resource Persons, so that at the end you would have your knowledge enhanced to better your interaction with MDAs and the Bureau at all levels of Public Procurement in Adamawa State.

To our partners, the EU/British Council funded RoLAC, we appreciate you for this support and pray that it is sustained.

Thank you and God bless.

























