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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Mandatory publication of 'Tender Inviting Notice' on e-Tender Portal

For some time past the Government was considering improving the present system of inviting Tender by different Departments of the State Government with a view to establish accountability, transparency and uniformity in the system in a centralised manner.

Keeping in view the above object, the National Informatics Centre [NIC], an organisation of Government of India, developed a portal [<http://wbtenders.gov.in>] exclusively for uploading the tender related documents of the State Government.

The 'e-Procurement Solution' will help both the Government buyers and the suppliers to reduce the cycle time, unnecessary paper work, waiting in long queues and simultaneously enhance the transparency in the entire process thereby ensuring good governance. It is an easy-to-use, web-based solution for conducting dynamic exchanges in an on-line environment. It will provide real-time bidding solutions for the Government buyers and sellers. Some State Government Departments are already using this portal for inviting their e-Tender.

For the purpose of gainful utilisation of the said portal, the Governor has been pleased to decide that:

1. In addition to existing system of inviting tender, it will be mandatory for all State Government Departments, their subordinate Offices and all Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies / Corporations / PSUs under their control to publish their 'Tender Related Information' [TRI] on the centralized e-Tender Portal [<http://wbtenders.gov.in>] if the Tender Value is Rs.50 lakhs and above. The Tender Value less than Rs.50 lakhs may also be uploaded on the centralized e-Tender Portal [<http://wbtenders.gov.in>] at the discretion of the Tender floating authority or the concerned Department.
2. The 'Tender Related Information' means and covers e-Procurement, e-Tendering, e-Selling and e-Auction, Request for Proposal, Request for Expression of Interest, Notice for Pre-Qualification, Registration of the Contractors, Notice inviting Tender/Bid or Proposal in any form, Tender Enquiries, Corrigenda and also the details of the contract awarded as a result of finalization of the Tender process.
3. The Departments or its subordinate offices that are already publishing their 'Tender Related Information' on their own websites and/or on any other websites shall ensure that their 'Tender Related Information' are simultaneously published / mirrored on the centralized e-Tender Portal [<http://wbtenders.gov.in>].
4. The Digital Signature Certificate, which is essential, for e-Tendering shall be obtained from the NIC-CA which is also acting as a Certifying Authority.
5. This Order shall take effect from 1st July 2012.

In order to facilitate implementation of aforesaid decisions regarding e-Publication of 'Tender Related Information' on the centralized e-Tender Portal, the