

Fraudulent Requests for Quotations (RFQs)

The Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**) would like members of the public to be aware of fraudulent RFQs being solicited by individuals identifying themselves as Ms Nomsa Bengu, Ms Khanyie Nkosi, Ms Zinhle Khumalo or Ms Buhle and claiming to be officials of **the dti**, employed in Supply Chain Management. These individuals are not employed by the department.

Ms Bengu and associates request quotations from business entities under the pretence that they have been selected from **the dti** supplier database to supply the department with various goods. The fraudsters use falsified RFQs to solicit quotations for goods, including Z10 valves; V+ Arter Master Valves; Deck 18 Energy chip, Salton Jx8 and Energy Deck V 4000 equipment and Conveyor Belts F-120458.

The fraudulent RFQs contain the following details:

Delivery Address: 13 Laboria Crescent, Industrial II, Upington, 8801

Delivery Contact Person: Mr Tshepo Mosamai or "Irvin"

Contact number: 071 006 1493

It is alleged that the said delivery address belongs to a regional office of **the dti** in Upington. The department, however, does not have a regional office in Upington.

The persons misrepresenting themselves as officials of **the dti** provide the following details:

- Contact Name:** Ms Nomsa Bengu
Telephone: 012 743 5292
Fax: 086 459 7897
E-mail: nomsa@thedtigov.org.za
- Contact Name:** Ms Buhle
Telephone: 012 743 6088
Fax: 086 459 7897
E-mail: buhle@thedtigov.org.za
- Contact Name:** Ms Zinhle Khumalo
Telephone: 012 772 6846
Fax: 086 539 9254
E-mail: zinhle@thedti-gov.co.za
- Contact Name:** Ms Khanyie Nkosi
Telephone: 012 772 6846
Fax: 086 539 9254
E-mail: khanyie@thedti-gov.co.za
Address: 77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, Gauteng, 0002

Members of the public are cautioned to exercise care as the RFQs appear to be legitimate, bearing the logo of **the dti**, the government coat of arms, **the dti** stamps and **the dti** business address, with e-mail addresses with **the dti** domain. These documents, however, are fraudulent and do not emanate from the department.

Should you receive an RFQ, purchase order or letter of acceptance from any of the above-mentioned individuals, please contact **the dti** Customer Contact Centre on 0861 84 33 84. Alternatively, call 012 394 3377 or 012 394 1935.

The public is cautioned not to make payment to suppliers for the procurement of any goods or services solicited by the fraudsters.

Exercise caution when contacted for RFQs and contact **the dti** to verify any such requests. Please note that the department makes contact only with those entities registered on **the dti** supplier database.

Members of the public are also encouraged to obtain original purchase orders from **the dti**, and may even request to sign purchase orders at the department's offices as a measure of caution.