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**The Vice Chancellor,
Federal University of Technology,
Minna,
Niger State.**

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF "NO OBJECTION" TO ADOPT
SELECTIVE TENDERING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SPECIALIZED
LABORATORY RESEARCH EQUIPMENT, PROJECT VEHICLES AND
ACEMFS SECRETARIAT PROJECT FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S WORLD
BANK SPONSORED SECOND AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION CENTRE
OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT**

This is to refer to the Federal University of Technology, Minna's (FUTM) letter Ref. No. EXT/VC/308 dated July 4, 2022 which requested for issuance of Due Process "No Objection" to adopt Restricted/Selective Tendering Method for the Procurement of Specialized Laboratory Research Equipment, Project Vehicles and Construction of Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS) Secretariat under the World Bank Sponsored Second African Higher Education Centre of Excellence Project.

2. In the letter under reference, the Federal University of Technology, Minna's stated as follows:

a) "Background"

The Africa Center of Excellence (ACE 1) Project was instituted in 2013 by the Governments of Nigeria, Ghana, Benin Republic, Togo, Burkina Faso, Cameroun and Senegal with support from the World Bank, to promote regional specialization amongst participating universities in the West and Central Africa sub-region within disciplines that address particular common regional challenges. However, the 2nd Africa Higher Education Center of Excellence (ACE IMPACT) Project was launched to consolidate on the gains of ACE 1, and it saw the emergence of new players like Niger, Guinea and Togo (all from West Africa) and Djibouti (from East Africa). The objectives of ACE Impact included to improve on the quantity of students enrolled in postgraduate programmes and improve on the quality of postgraduate programmes such that students can acquire the necessary theoretical knowledge and applied skills upon graduating. The project also aimed at improving the development impact of postgraduate education in selected universities, through regional specification, such that the knowledge from research and skills acquired by graduates will be able to directly address the development challenges in the regions.

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) and the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank (WB) entered into a credit agreement (Credit Number 6510NG) to finance the ACE Impact project. To implement the project, the Government of Nigeria has secured US\$115 million, with the World Bank contributing \$75 million and the French Development Agency (AFD) providing \$40 million for the 17 ACE Impact Centres and the NUC. The National ACE Project Coordination Unit (NAPCU) domiciled at the National Universities Commission (NUC) is responsible for the national project facilitation, training, and supervision in fiduciary aspects as well as national Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and minor Technical Assistance (TA) in Nigeria.

To this end, the **Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS)**, domiciled at the **Federal University of Technology, Minna** is responsible to build capacity within West Africa's tertiary educational system for implementing high quality training and applied research.

b) World Bank Funded Project: 1\$ Equal to ₦410

The World Bank had approved the sum of \$226,000.00 (₦92,426,000) for Project Vehicle, \$1,246,594), (₦511,103,282.26), for Research Equipment, \$802,106.00 (₦328,863,623.75) for ACEMFS Secretariat that would include dedicated lecture halls, conference rooms, laboratory space and staff offices for the ACEMFS project. Furthermore, it is imperative to add that the World Bank will be coming for Mid Term review Visitation/Inspection and commissioning of the building complex in November, 2022 and all these should be put in place before the scheduled Visit. This also will enable the Centre commence teaching activities for the 2021/2022 batch of students admitted by the African Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS) at the University. The allocated building complex for the ACEMFS project funded by the World Bank is presently not conducive and adequately equipped to house the growing activities of the project and thus, need to be constructed and equipped to accommodate the increasing number of students' intake and research work. The equipment and construction of the project building which forms part of the entire ACEMFS building project would alleviate the shortages currently affecting the growth and objectives of the establishment of the Centre and would boost excellence in ACEMFS at the Centre and the country in general.

c) Justification for Selective Tendering/Direct Sourcing from Manufacturers

Considering the essence of time in these procurements in which if advertised could cause delay and the fund could be taken back by the sponsor (World Bank) due to lack of fund utilization by the Centre, the University wishes to adopt the selective tendering method in engaging competent vendors to execute these projects.

Given the fact that the project is result based, hence money can only be earned when disbursement Link Indicators (DLIs) are met and achieved, the World Bank may decline further funding of the project if the Centre is not meeting the Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) for which the project was conceived. Therefore, it has become imperative to adopt the Selective Tendering procedure for the University to meet the DLI and in line with the provision of Section 40 (b & C) of the Public Procurement Act 2007.

Also, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic which has been ravaging the world over thus, gathering of persons and representatives of companies to the bid opening exercise would not be a good idea if we must avoid close contact.

d) Justification for the use of Selective Tendering for acquiring research equipment using Representatives/Agents from manufacturers of Research Equipment.

Their authorized agents or dealers that represent these products within Nigeria and our experience procuring such specialized equipment from general contractors have been quite unpleasant, as a large percentage of these equipment procured either become not operational or malfunction. The equipment to be procured are specialized laboratory and research equipment that will help the center commence full research and laboratory activities. These equipment as revealed by our extensive research are among the best in their respective categories and we are convinced that no other like equipment available for purchase that would serve the same purpose or function, coupled with the fact that we are getting the factory prices as well as academic discount, as well as training and round the clock technical support.

Considering the time scheduled for the World Bank's Mid Term review visit in November, 2022 to the Centre, and the specialized nature of these procurement, adopting open competitive tendering at this point will be counter-productive to the center and may automatically lead to risk of withdrawing the money earmarked for this procurement by the World Bank. For these

reasons, the University is appealing to you to use your good office to approve the adoption of selective tendering method for the construction and specialized research equipment as an exception rather than the norm in line with the provision of section 40 1(c) of the public procurement act 2007 using the original Equipment Manufacturer Authorized representatives. The Project will be funded from World Bank Support Fund. Attached is the Performance and Funding Agreement between the National Universities Commission and Federal University of Technology, Minna with funding from the International Development Association (IDA).

e) **Knowledge and Cognate Experience:** It is imperative that competent firms with cognate experience and good track records are chosen. The shortlisted companies for the procurement of vehicle for the Centre are Authorized Major and frontline dealers of Toyota vehicles, representatives of equipment manufacturers, and construction firms in Nigeria to be engaged to deliver in terms of quality and timing while also offering competitive price so as to obtain value for money. The University has identified some companies that have previous business with Federal Government of Nigeria which provides the advantage of having adequate knowledge of the assignment and has proven speedy completion of the projects while ensuring quality. The companies that meet up with the requirement of the provisions of section 16(6)(d) of the PPA, 2007 that can do business with Federal Government of Nigeria to effectively carry out the implementation of these projects are as detailed below.

PROCUREMENT / INSTALLATIONS OF RESEARCH AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT		COMPANY NAME/ADDRESS	
PROJECT TITLE	LOT No		
Procurement/Installations of Ultra-High Performance Liquid Chromatography and Immuno-affinity column for Mycotoxin	1	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
		v.	Daciotech Ltd
Procurement/Installations of Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscope (ICPOES)	2	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
		v.	Daciotech Ltd
Procurement/Installations of Gas Chromatograph	3	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
		v.	Daciotech Ltd
Procurement/Installations of Mass Spectrophotometer	4	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
			Daciotech Ltd
Procurement/Installations of Real-Time PCR Machine	5	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
		v.	Daciotech Ltd
Procurement/Installations of DNA Sequencer	6	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
		v.	Daciotech Ltd
Procurement/Installations of Mycotoxin Kits, laboratory water system	7	i.	Katchey Company Ltd
		ii.	Arcisoph Ltd
		iii.	Fonsots Global Services
		iv.	Tominent Global Ltd
		v.	Daciotech Ltd
PROCUREMENT OF PROJECT VEHICLE		COMPANY NAME/ADDRESS	
PROJECT TITLE	LOT No		
Procurement of 2021 model of salon car and 32 sitting capacity student bus	8	i.	Elizade Nig. Ltd
		ii.	Globe Motors
		iii.	Mandilas Enterprises Ltd

ACEMFS SECRETARIAT BUILDING		iv. Kojo Motors Ltd v. INEH-MIC Automobile Co. Ltd vi. Presidential Autos Ltd.
PROJECT TITLE	LOT No	COMPANY NAME/ADDRESS
ACEMFS Secretariat Complex (Offices, Laboratories, Class rooms, Conference halls, Library Conveniences etc.)	9	i. Mahadi Services and Resources ii. Yukas and Sons Ventures iii. Green Shed Nig. Ltd iv. Plenum Space Ltd v. Tripple Bullet Services Nig. Ltd

f) Proposal and Profile

Please find attached profiles of the companies upon which Certificate of "No Objection" for Selective Tendering is sought alongside the following supporting documents for ease of reference:

- Memorandum of Understanding between National Universities Commission (NUC) and Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMIN);
- The Center's approved and cleared work plan and procurement plan;
- The Funding/Loan Agreement;
- The World Bank Mid-Term Review Visitation in March 2022; and
- Project Appraisal Document (PAD) ".

3. The Bureau has carefully reviewed the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna's submission and noted that:

- The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) and the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank (WB) entered into a credit agreement to finance the Africa Center of Excellence (ACE) Impact project;
- The Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS), domiciled at the Federal University of Technology, Minna is responsible to build capacity within West Africa's tertiary educational system for implementing high quality training and applied research;
- The allocated building complex for the ACEMFS project in FUT, Minna funded by the World Bank is presently not conducive and inadequately equipped to house the growing activities of the project; thus, the need to construct and equip a new building that will accommodate the increasing number of students' intake and research work;
- The World Bank approved a total sum of \$2,274,700.00 equivalent to ₦932,627,000.00 at the exchange rate of US\$1 = ₦410.00 for the Projects;
- The World Bank will be coming for Mid Term review visitation/inspection and commissioning of the building complex in November, 2022 and all these should be put in place before the scheduled Visit; and
- Delay in the projects implementation could result in withdrawal of the fund by the World Bank due to lack of fund utilization by the Centre.

4. The Bureau notes that the University intends to adopt Restricted/Selective Tendering Method to fast track the procurement of the University's World Bank Sponsored Second African Higher Education Centre of Excellence Projects in order to enable the Centre meet the World Bank's

S/N	Company	CAC	TCC	PENCOM	ITF	NSITF	IRR	Experience	OEM Authorization	Remarks
5	Tominent Global Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 3 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATIONS OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPH										
1	Arcisoph Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Katchey Company Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Fonsots Global Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Tominent Global Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 4 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATIONS OF MASS SPECTROPHOTOMETER										
1	Tominent Global Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Daciotech System Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Fonsots Global Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Katchey Company Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 5 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATIONS OF REAL-TIME PCR MACHINE										
1	Katchey Company Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Arcisoph Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Fonsots Global Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Tominent Global Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 6 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATIONS OF DNA SEQUENCER										
1	Katchey Company Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Arcisoph Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Fonsots Global Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Tominent Global Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
5	Daciotech System Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 7 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATIONS OF MYCOTOXIN KITS, LABORATORY WATER SYSTEM										
1	Katchey Company Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Arcisoph Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Fonsots Global Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Daciotech System Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
5	Tominent Global Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 8 PROCUREMENT OF PROJECT VEHICLE										
1	Elizade Nig. Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Globe Motors	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Mandilas Enterprises Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Kojo Motors Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
5	INEH-MIC Automobile Co. Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
LOT 9 CONSTRUCTION OF ACEMFS SECRETARIAT BUILDING										
1	Mahadi Services and Resources	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
2	Yukas and Sons Ventures	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
3	Green Shed Nig. Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
4	Plenum Space Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified
5	Tipple Bullet Services Nig. Ltd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Qualified

8. The University shortlisted the authorized agents/representatives of the Original Equipment Manufacturers for the procurement of Laboratory Equipment and Vehicles. This is in line with the Federal Government Policy on procurement of equipment from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)

or their accredited dealers in order for Federal Government to achieve e for money and cost efficiency. The Bureau however observed that the iversity appears to be recycling the bidders in the lots 1,2,3,4,5,6&7. This not enhance effective competition and cannot therefore be upheld by the eau. **The University should in a non-discriminatory manner short-list additional unrelated bidders that possess the requisite technical and financial apacities in line with Section 16(6) of PPA, 2007 and are eligible to do business th Government to participate in the procurement proceedings and ensure that o bidder is permitted to submit bid for more than a single lot.**

The Bureau notes that Section 23 (1) of the PPA, 2007 places the responsibility to set out prequalification criteria strictly on the procuring entity. **The University shall therefore take full responsibility and evaluate the profiles of the firms to ensure that they possess the requisite technical and financial capabilities for such projects and are eligible to do business with Government in line with Section 16(6) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.**

10. The University did not provide the In-House Estimates/Budget for the Projects. **The University should be guided by the SGF's Circular Ref. No. PROC/OSGF/BPP/709/85 dated 19th January 2021 on the revised monetary threshold service wide, and ensure that the projects whose In-House Estimate/Budget is less than ₦20 Million for Goods and Non-Consultant Services and ₦30million for works should be treated using Request for Quotation (RFQ) in line with the provision of Section 41 (1) of PPA 2007 by requesting for quotations from at least three (3) unrelated contractors or suppliers.**

11. The University should adopt Open Competitive Bidding for the Construction of ACEMFS Secretariat Building Complex in line with Section 25 (2)(ii) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

12. In view of the above, Due Process "No Objection" **cannot be granted** to the Federal University of Technology, Minna, to adopt Restricted/Selective Tendering Method for the World Bank Sponsored Second African Higher Education Centre of Excellence for the Nine (9) Projects listed in the Table below:

LOT	PROJECT TITLE
1	Procurement and Installations of Ultra-High Performance Liquid Chromatography and Immuno-affinity column for Mycotoxin
2	Procurement and Installations of Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES)
3	Procurement and Installations of Gas Chromatograph
4	Procurement and Installations of Mass Spectrophotometer
5	Procurement and Installations of Real-Time PCR Machine
6	Procurement and Installations of DNA Sequencer
7	Procurement and Installations of Mycotoxin Kits, laboratory water system
8	Procurement of Project Vehicles
9	Construction of ACEMFS Secretariat Building Complex

13. However, on the strength of the submission by the University, Due Process "No Objection" **can be granted** to the Federal University of Technology,

for their accredited dealers in order for Federal Government to achieve for money and cost efficiency. The Bureau however observed that the University appears to be recycling the bidders in the lots 1,2,3,4,5,6&7. This does not enhance effective competition and cannot therefore be upheld by the Bureau. **The University should in a non-discriminatory manner short-list additional unrelated bidders that possess the requisite technical and financial capacities in line with Section 16(6) of PPA, 2007 and are eligible to do business with Government to participate in the procurement proceedings and ensure that no bidder is permitted to submit bid for more than a single lot.**

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10. The University did not provide the In-House Estimates/Budget for the Projects. **The University should be guided by the SGF's Circular Ref. No. PROC/OSGF/BPP/709/85 dated 19th January 2021 on the revised monetary threshold service wide, and ensure that the projects whose In-House Estimate/Budget is less than ₦20 Million for Goods and Non-Consultant Services and ₦30million for works should be treated using Request for Quotation (RFQ) in line with the provision of Section 41 (1) of PPA 2007 by requesting for quotations from at least three (3) unrelated contractors or suppliers.**

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LOT	PROJECT TITLE
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6	Procurement and Installations of DNA Sequencer
7	Procurement and Installations of Mycotoxin Kits, laboratory water system
8	Procurement of Project Vehicles
9	Construction of ACEMFS Secretariat Building Complex

13. However, on the strength of the submission by the University, Due Process "No Objection" **can be granted** to the Federal University of Technology,

Minna, to adopt Restricted/Selective Tendering Method using the Original Equipment Manufacturers/their Authorized Representatives for the Eight (8) Projects listed in the Table below:

LOT	PROJECT TITLE
1	Procurement and Installations of Ultra-High Performance Liquid Chromatography and Immuno-affinity column for Mycotoxin
2	Procurement and Installations of Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-OES)
3	Procurement and Installations of Gas Chromatograph
4	Procurement and Installations of Mass Spectrophotometer
5	Procurement and Installations of Real-Time PCR Machine
6	Procurement and Installations of DNA Sequencer
7	Procurement and Installations of Mycotoxin Kits, laboratory water system
8	Procurement of Project Vehicles

14. This Due Process "No Objection" is granted on the conditions that:

- a) The University shall shortlist in a non-discriminatory manner additional authorised Manufacturers Representatives that possess the requisite technical and financial capacities in line with Section 16(6) of PPA, 2007 and are eligible to do business with Government to participate in the respective Lots;
- b) a minimum of five (5) responsive and unrelated firms shall be invited to compete;
- c) projects whose In-House Estimate/Budget is less than ₦20 Million for Goods and Non-Consultant Services and ₦30million for works should be treated using Request for Quotation (RFQ) in line with the provision of Section 41 (1) of PPA 2007 by requesting for quotations from at least three (3) unrelated contractors or suppliers;
- d) the relevant standard bidding documents are issued to the responsive firms to compete;
- e) price competitiveness shall form the sole basis for the recommendation of the least evaluated responsive bidder to ensure that Government derives best value for money for the procurement;
- f) the relevant Tenders Board shall approve the award of these Contracts in line with the SGF's Circular on Approved Revised Thresholds for Service Wide Application of January 19, 2022;
- g) Due diligence shall be conducted on the recommended bidders before award of the Contracts; and
- h) All documents pertaining to these procurements shall be kept properly for future procurement audit to be conducted by the Bureau.

15. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and best regards.



Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS
Director-General

FOREIGN NEWS

UK PM Sunak hits back at Johnson over honours for allies



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak lashed out at his predecessor Boris Johnson Sunday in a row over political honours for allies of the former premier.

office last year by a series of scandals including Covid lockdown a breaking parties at Downing Street dubbed "Partygate". His long-awaited honours list was published Friday — but without several expected names.

As the row over the list unfolded two Johnson allies who were not rewarded — Nadine Dorries and Nigel Adams — both resigned from parliament on Friday and Saturday, triggering by-elections.

Johnson himself also resigned as an MP on Friday claiming he had been forced out in a stitch-up by political opponents on the cross party inquiry investigating whether he lied to parliament over "Partygate".

Johnson was forced out of

EU offers aid to Tunisia to boost economy, reduce migrant flows

The European Union on Sunday offered major financial support to crisis-hit Tunisia, to boost its economy and reduce the flow of irregular migrants across the Mediterranean Sea.

The North African country, highly indebted and in talks for an IMF bailout loan, is a gateway for migrants and asylum-seekers attempting the dangerous voyages to Europe.

The EU is ready to offer Tunisia a 900 million euro package plus 150 million euros in immediate support, European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen said on a joint visit with the Italian and Dutch prime ministers.

Aside from trade and



Tunisian President, Kais Saied with some EU officials on Sunday. She said other EU projects would help Tunisia export clean renewable energy to the bloc, and deliver high speed broadband, all with the aim of creating "jobs and boost growth here in Tunisia".

"We both have a vast interest in breaking the cynical business model of smugglers and traffickers," said von der Leyen. "It is horrible to see how they deliberately risk human lives for profit."

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Von der Leyen, after talks with President Kais Saied, said she hoped an EU-Tunisia agreement could be signed at the next European summit later this month.

WHO says staffer among victims of Somalia hotel siege

An employee with the World Health Organization was among those killed in the weekend siege of a beachside hotel in Somalia's capital Mogadishu, the head of the UN health agency said on Sunday.

The siege left six civilians dead and another 10 wounded, according to police.

"I'm heartbroken that we have lost a WHO staff member in the recent attack in #Mogadishu, #Somalia," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO director-general,

tweeted on Sunday. "My heartfelt condolences to their families and to everyone who lost a loved one," he said. "We condemn all attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers."

The Al-Qaeda-linked Al-Shabaab have been waging an insurgency against the internationally backed federal government in Somalia for more than 15 years and have often targeted hotels, which tend to host high-ranking Somali and foreign officials.

The latest assault, for which Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility, began just

before 8:00 pm on Friday (1700 GMT) when seven attackers stormed the Pearl Beach hotel, a popular spot at Lido Beach along Mogadishu's coastline.

It ended at around 2:00 am, police said, after a fierce gunfight between security forces and the militants, all of whom were killed during the battle.

The attack at Lido beach underscored the endemic security problems in the Horn of Africa country as it struggles to emerge from decades of conflict and natural disasters.

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AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MYCOTOXIN AND FOOD SAFETY

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INVITATION TO BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LABORATORY ISLAND BENCHES, LAB EQUIPMENTS AND SOLAR SYSTEM FOR AFRICAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR MYCOTOXIN AND FOOD SAFETY (ACEMFS)

- #### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Africa Center of Excellence (ACE II) Project was instituted by the Governments of Nigeria, Ghana, Benin Republic, Togo, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Senegal with support from the World Bank, to promote regional specialization amongst participating Universities in the West and Central Africa sub-region within disciplines that address particular common regional challenges. The Africa Centre Of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS), Federal University of Technology, Minna thus, acquired a grant from the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank (WB) and intend to use part of it for the development of it building at the Federal University of Technology, Minna. ACEMFS hereby invites interested and reputable contractors with relevant experience and good track records to submit tender for the above named projects.
- #### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORKS

ACEMFS is a research center with a focus on Food Safety, thus, the things required is to ensure sustainable power supply and convenient working condition for the researchers.

Lot 1. Supply and Installation of Laboratory equipment
Lot 2. Supply and Installation of Epoxy Resin Laboratory Worktop
- #### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Interested applicants are required to submit bid documents which shall include:

 - Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
 - Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years (2020 - 2022).
 - Company Audited Financial Statement for three years (2020 - 2022).
 - Company profile including curriculum vitae of key staff showing registration with relevant professional bodies and evidence of up to date fees payment
 - List of plants/equipment with proof of ownership or valid lease agreement where applicable.
 - Evidence of compliance with PENCOM Reform Act of 2014 by submission of clearance certificate which expires in December 2023
 - Evidence of registration with NESTF by submission of clearance certificate which expires in December 2023
 - Evidence of compliance with Industrial Training Fund Amendment Act 2011 by submission of certificate of compliance which expires in December 2023
 - Evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs that have been successfully executed within the last five (5) years.
 - Evidence of financial capability from reputable bank addressed to The Registrar FUT, Minna and statement of account for the last 12 months.
 - Evidence of registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration report (IRR) expiring 31/12/2023 or valid certificate issued by DPP.
 - Evidence of Manufacturer authorization (where applicable) by presenting Manufacturer Authorization in Manufacturer Letterhead addressed to The Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Minna.
 - All documents for submission must be transmitted with a covering letter under the company's letter headed paper bearing, amongst others, the registration number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), contact address, telephone number (preferably GSM No.) and e-mail address. The letterhead paper must bear the names and nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the page duly signed by the authorized officer of the company. Illegible photocopies shall be rejected.
 - Sworn affidavit that none of the Company Directors has been convicted in any country.
 - Sworn affidavit indicating that all documents submitted are genuine and verifiable.
 - Bank reference letter from a reputable commercial bank.
 - Any other information.
- #### 4.0 COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL TENDER DOCUMENT

Interested Bidders are to collect the bid document from ACEMFS office in STEP-B building, Bosso campus (week days and working hours only) from Monday, June 12th, 2023, on evidence of payment of a non-refundable fee of N 10,000.00, made in bank draft to Federal University of Technology, Minna
- #### 5.0 SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS.

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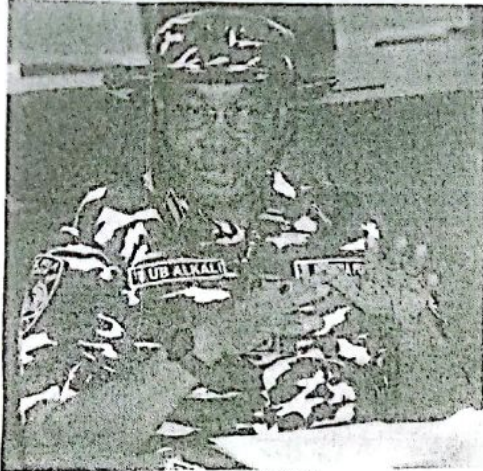
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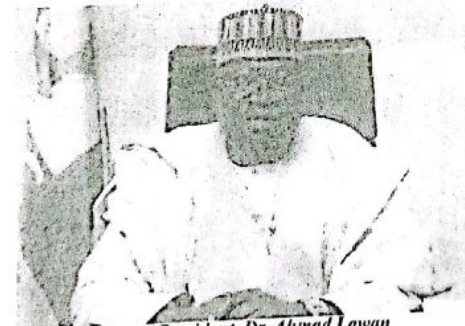
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As the row over the list unfolded two Johnson allies who were not rewarded — Nadine Dorries and Nigel Adams — both resigned from parliament on Friday and Saturday, triggering by-elections.

Johnson himself also resigned as an MP on Friday claiming he had been forced out in a stitch-up by political opponents on the cross-party inquiry investigating whether he lied to parliament over "Partygate".

Outgoing British prime ministers routinely recommend aides and close political associates for honours or elevation to the unelected House of Lords.

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