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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL LOANS TO EXECUTE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

The Federal Government has observed with concern that some Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal Government resort to bilateral financing in the form of loans to execute infrastructure development projects without taking into consideration the appropriate procurement strategy, the estimated project cost, final designs and the conditions of contracts to guide the implementation of such projects, which are crucial to successful project outcomes. These omissions tend to have an adverse impact on projects and can lead to avoidable price escalations and cost overruns.

2. Therefore, to ensure that projects financed from bilateral loans substantially conform to approved standards, are fit for purpose and that their costs are within acceptable benchmarks, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved that, henceforth, the Federal Ministry of Justice and the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) must be included in all bilateral/multilateral lending negotiations, particularly where such financings are to be used for infrastructure development projects.

3. The inclusion of the BPP in Bilateral/Multilateral lending negotiations is an additional requirement to other established procedures and protocols that had already been approved by the Federal Government through the relevant MDAs.

4. The content of this Circular should be brought to the attention of all Accounting Officers for immediate and strict compliance.

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