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Dear Mr Ngcaweni

DEVIATION FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS: APPOINTMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND

1. National Treasury acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 29 July 2021.
2. Your Institution is requesting approval for deviation from procurement process and to enter into a partnership with the University of Witwatersrand in a form of Memorandum of Understanding for a period of three (03) years.
3. The request for deviation was endorsed by the principal on 29 July 2021.
4. The reasons provided for this deviation are that Cabinet made a decision in respect of training programmes offered by the NSG for Accounting Officers and Executive Authorities. One of the training programmes prioritised for implementation was the Economic Governance School for Members of the Executive across all the sphere of government. Cabinet endorsed delivery of this programme by the NSG, in partnership with the Wits School of Governance (identified for its ability to mobilise experts from within the university and other institutions of higher learning) and the OR Tambo School of Leadership. The NSG also mobilized private sector sponsorship for the first and second intakes of this programme in November 2020 and July 2021, and the sponsor paid Wits University costs directly on behalf of the NSG as per the sponsor agreement.

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5. The reasons provided for this deviation are justifiable. However, it is not clear how the NSG has been granted a sole provider status by Cabinet for a training course that belongs to another Institution.
6. National Treasury support the deviation for NSG to enter into a partnership with the University of Witwatersrand for a period of three (03) years effective from the date of this approval on condition that no other potential service provider is prejudiced.
7. The Institution has an obligation to ensure that any contract for goods and services is in accordance with a system of procurement that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective.
8. The award must also be published on the e-tender portal/ tender bulletin.

Kind regards,

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