Dear Bidder;

Please note that under no circumstances will SARS ever require any payment to secure an award of a tender. Individuals that claim that an upfront payment to an individual, third party or an SARS official, is a blatant attempt at defrauding suppliers and such a scam must immediately be reported to the SARS Anti-Corruption line. SARS follows a fair, competitive and transparent procurement process in evaluating and awarding bids.

All communication to bidders will be electronically by e-mail from the SARS Tender Office (<u>Tenderoffice@sars.gov.za</u>). Communication from any other email address will not be official communication and must be regarded with the utmost suspicion.

If you encounter any suspicious calls asking for upfront payment to secure an award of a bid or in lieu of claims that the outcome of a tender can be influenced towards your company, please immediately inform the SARS FRAUD/ANTI-CORRUPTION HOTLINE at 0800-002870 for further investigation.

Awarded tenders will ALWAYS be transmitted by e-mail to bidders containing an official award on a SARS Letterhead issued from the SARS Tender Office e-mail address. The award will also be published on the SARS Website.

Kind regards;

SARS Tender Office