

NITDA IT PROJECT CLEARANCE PROCESSES

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BACKGROUND

- National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) was created in April 2001 to implement the Nigerian Information Technology Policy and coordinate general IT development in Nigeria;
- The IT Project Clearance Committee (ITPC) was constituted in 2017, to serve as clearing house for all IT projects in Federal Public Institutions (FPIs).

AUTHORITY

- Section 6(a) of the NITDA ACT 2007 lists, as apart of the Agency's functions, the creation of framework for planning, research, development, standardization, application, coordination, monitoring, evaluation and regulation of Information Technology practices, activities and systems in Nigeria.

NITDA Act

Among its mandates, NITDA is:

- Responsible for rendering advisory services to the public sector on IT programs and projects; and
- To serve as a clearing house for all IT procurement and services in the public sector.

Authority (Contd.)

Government Circulars

In order to give credence to NITDA's mandate, the following Federal Government Circular's were issued:

- Federal Government Circular with reference number **SGF.6/S.19/T/65** issued on 18th April, 2006 which directed MDAs planning to embark on IT projects to obtain clearance from NITDA; and
- Federal Government Circular with reference number **59736/S.2/C.11/125** issued on 31th August, 2018 which further re-emphasized the need for MDAs to obtain prior clearance from NITDA for implementation of IT projects as well as the procurement of Locally Assembled IT components.

Authority (Contd.)

Presidential Directive

- In Mr President's Speech during the e-Nigeria International Conference, Exhibition and Awards 2018, he directed ALL FPIs to ensure that their IT Projects are duly cleared by NITDA;
- He further directed that defaulters should be reported to Government for sanctioning.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure harmonization of IT Projects implementation;
- To ensure reduction in duplication and cost of IT projects execution within MDA's;
- To ensure efficiency and transparency in service provision and delivery;
- To ensure that there is indigenous capacity for after-sale-service to sustain the project beyond its initial deployment;
- To ensure that the project promotes indigenous content and preference shall be given to indigenous companies where capacity, product or services exist; and
- To ensure availability of statistics on Federal Government IT investments.

PROCESSES INVOLVE IN THE REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL EVALUATION FOR IT PROJECTS BY FPIS

- All FPIs requesting for clearance are expected to submit list of nominees for registration on the portal (maximum of 6 members: Name, Phone No, Email and Role)
- All FPIs are expected to submit their project electronically via the ITPC portal, providing detailed specification of the project components;
- All Committee members are expected to review the submitted projects via the portal upon receipt of notification;
- When quorum is reached, a decision is taken to either clear the project with or without condition(s);
- Also, further clarification or request for additional information maybe requested;
- However, if the project does not meet the expected minimum requirement, the project may be rejected.

FUTURE PLAN

- Upload of Documents
- Automatic Generation of Certificates
- Continuous Awareness and Capacity Building

Thank You

Questions???



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