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**PROVINCIAL TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT (PTM) CIRCULAR NO 9 OF 2007: PURCHASE
OF VEHICLES ON CONTRACT RT57**

1. A query was raised with regards to the ranking system that is applicable on the current State Vehicle Procurement Contract RT57 for the purchase of motor vehicles, light and heavy commercial vehicles, busses and motorcycles. Paragraph 2.1 of the Special Conditions of the contract states that orders must be placed in accordance with the accepted policy which, *inter alia*, means that orders must first be placed with contractors who are ranked lowest-highest on points (from top to bottom) in the comparative order. Paragraph 2.2 goes on to say that in all cases where more expensive makes/ models are required, motivation to that effect must be kept for audit purposes. The above provision of the contract R57 was considered restrictive in that departments are not at liberty to choose the vehicles of their choice but rather what is prescribed in the contract in terms of the ranking of contractors. In light hereof this matter was addressed with the National Department of Transport.
2. The normal procedures in terms of the Supply Chain Management Act 5 of 2000 have been followed to award the current RT57 tender on the principles of a 90 point for price and functionality and 10 points for socio-economic goals. The specifications of the tender and the multiple awards made on the contract allow for flexibility by the User Departments to address their differences that occur for requirements within the Departments in an effective, efficient and economic manner.
3. User departments can however, deviate from the rankings of the awards on tender RT 57 provided the correct motivation is submitted, the motivation is to be in terms of vehicle specifications, delivery periods, economic viability and pricing. However, should there be a need to deviate from the tender rankings, such deviations must be for the best needs or requirements within any given Department.
4. In terms of any such deviations from the tender rankings, substantial motivation to enlarge the necessity of this deviation is to be submitted for consideration. Any such motivation for a deviation is to be properly filed and maintained for audit purposes should any queries in this matter arise.

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5. RT57 contract therefore addresses the requirements for User Departments, as well as the social economic goals of government as a whole.
6. Submitted for your information.



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