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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

# **WARNING TO THE PUBLIC: SCAMMERS ARE ON THE WARPATH**

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) is once again warning the public, especially job seekers and small businesses of fraudulent scammers, who are out in full force as we approach the festive season.

We may be approaching the silly season, but please be not foolish with your money and be misled and lied to by scammers.

The department is not offering any jobs and tenders that are not officially advertised in the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) Circular, on the official departmental website - [www.publicworks.gov.za](http://www.publicworks.gov.za) or national newspapers.

The website, application links and the email addresses ALWAYS end with “gov.za” and never with “.org” as advertised in the latest fraudulent adverts.

The public is warned to be on the lookout for these scammers who often request payments from people for government services that are never paid for.

Please take note that the government will never request payments for services, jobs and tenders, the so-called RFQ. Any request or demand for money on any “job advert” should set off the alarm bells already.

We urge all job seekers to always verify all advertised vacancies by going to the official websites as highlighted above. Job seekers are also advised to visit the DPWI offices to verify any vacancies advertised.

For any enquiries regarding any Request for Quotation (RFQ) or suspicious job offers must be verified with the Department before a person is parted with her/his hard-earned cash. You can visit the Departmental website or contact: **012 406 1439 or Lesole.Matsotso@dpw.gov.za**

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