



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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Media Release

Tender Scams warning at Rand West City Local Municipality

The Rand West City Local Municipality (RWCLM) wishes to warn the public about the Tender Scams incorrectly attributed to the Municipality. These scammers issue fraudulent Orders and Invitations to Tender [RFQ] for contracts to suppliers pretending that those orders and tenders are from our municipal Supply Chain Management section.

RWCLM Legal and SCM explains how the scams work:

They target unsuspecting suppliers across the country claiming that RWCLM is inviting bids for the possible supply of certain products. The targeted suppliers would receive a bogus Request for Quotation (RFQ) either by email or by fax with the RWCLM Logo. In certain instances, these RFQs are also published on various suspicious websites on the Internet.

The fraudulent and phishing scenarios vary. Among the recent scams is the one issued last month requesting quotations for the supply of Safety Equipment like safety boots and reflector jackets.

"Once the would-be supplier has tendered for the contract, they are then contacted via telephone or email by people who claim to be SCM or RWCLM officials and are invited to submit quotations. "The fraudsters then call these suppliers to inform them that their companies have been appointed to deliver goods and they have to sign and fax the appointment letter back to them as soon as possible because the goods are needed urgently. Furthermore, the fraudsters encourage the suppliers to use certain manufacturers as they are supposedly the only manufacturers. These fictitious manufacturers are part of the scam."

Victims are then told to pay these manufacturers who then disappear with the said funds.

To report incidents of Tender fraud, corruption and irregularities involving RWCLM, members of the public are encouraged to call our offices on 011 411 0000/0395/0427 or email Bernadette.vanWyk@randwestcity.gov.za in office of the Municipal Manager.



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RWCLM would also like to warn suppliers to be vigilant and not to deliver any goods or transfer any payments to any supplier/manufacturer without confirming the authenticity of the orders with RWCLM or our SCM offices. To verify the authenticity of RWCLM Orders, suppliers are advised to contact SCM on 011 411 0466/0427/0123.

Furthermore, suppliers are also encouraged to report such matters to the South African Police Service in cases where they have been defrauded.

It is important to understand that procurement opportunities available from RWCLM are advertised on the Municipality's Public Notice Boards and official website: www.randwestcity.gov.za or on the National Treasury e-tender portal. All requests for quotation are signed and have an SCM contact person's landline and email address which ends with @randwestcity.gov.za credentials.

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