



RFQs SCAM ALERT

Beware of scammers requesting quotations from prominent and innocent service providers (particularly SMMEs). The Scammers pretend to be working from the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies and may provide names of some officials working in the Department with fake contact details, e.g. emails with suspicious email xxx.xxx@dtps.gov.org.za. They also provide **counterfeit RFQ documents** with the Department's logo and address which may appear to be legit DCDT RFQ documents.

DCDT would like to alert that such emails or the senders thereof have no relations to the Department. We would like to caution the public to keep vigilant and take reasonable precaution against such email requests.

The following are the key suspicious indicators of these kinds of scams:

- Email addresses with a different domain from government domain, e.g. ethics@dtps.gov.za will be the correct domain. Anything with email address or website that ends with: .gov.org.za or .co.za or .com or .net or .net.za, etc should raise alarm of being counterfeit.
- The Department has two telephone number identifiers, i.e. 012 **427** XXXX and 012 **421** XXXX. Any other telephone number should raise alarm.
- There is no tender number for RFQs. Thus any RFQ with a tender number should raise alarm to be counterfeit RFQ.
- Departmental order numbers start with OR- and followed by five numbers, e.g. OR-012345. Any order number that is different from this format should raise alarm.

If you have any suspicion regarding RFQs send to you, do not hesitate to call the Department and ask for SCM officials on the following number: 012 427 8000 to verify the RFQs. To report any scam, use these numbers and request for the Ethics Office or the Risk Management Directorate or direct the report to the following email address: director-general@dtps.gov.za

The Ethics Office