Procurement is at the Center of Development - Prof. Yemi Osinbajo

The Vice-President of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, GCON, has said that, procurement process is at the center of all development; hence, he urged all sectors to increase efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals/Economic Recovery Growth Program (ERGP) by complying with the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

The VP made this known during the launch of the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) project launch, which took place in Abuja on Thursday 28 October 2021.

Prof. Osinbajo also said, Procurement touches on every sector of the economy and huge amount is involved, hence, the need to follow due process to get value for money in all dealings to develop and catch up with the developed world.

R-L: Director-General, BPP, Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS, Rep of Hon. Minister, Women Affairs, Engr. Olufunsho Adebiyi; Rep. Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission and Deputy Secretary of the Commission (Administration), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Rep of the Vice President and Hon. Minister of State For Education, Mr. Chukuemeka Nwajiuba and the Permanent Secretary, Fed. Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono at the Formal Launch of the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project in Abuja.

He praised the composition of the Six (6) centers of excellence for the project, which are located in all the six geo-political zones of the
nation, adding that, this will ensure inclusiveness and guarantee maximum efficiency. He directed all stakeholders to work assiduously for the success of the project. He later launched the taking-off of the project.

The VP was represented by the Minister of State for Education, Chukuemeka Nwajiuba.

Earlier in his remarks, the DG-BPP, Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS, said the purpose of the project is to address the skill gaps identified in the three core areas of Procurement, Environment and Social Standards, adding that, BPP has been involved in the project from inception and is aware of its critical role in line with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007. The DG said the Bureau is responsible for the monitoring and oversight of Public Procurement, harmonizing the exciting Government policies and practices by regulating, setting standards and developing legal framework and professional capacity for public procurement and other related matters in Nigeria. He said the Bureau would continue to work with all stakeholders to actualize the objectives of the project.

The Six (6) Centers of Excellence for the project, are; Joseph Tarka University of Makurdi-Benue State, Federal University of Technology Owerri, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and University of Lagos.

Ministries and Agencies responsible for carrying out the project were all present at the occasion.
Refresher Training Workshop for Public Procurement Officers on Salary Grade Level 8-13 in Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government held on Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30th October 2021.

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Director, Compliance, Certification and Monitoring, Engr. Ishaq Yahaya, FNSE, taking one of the session during the 2021 BPP Refresher Training Workshop for Public Procurement Officers on Salary Grade Level 8-13 in Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government

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