



## BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

### *Press Release*

#### **BPP Working to Achieve Public Procurement Act 2007 with World Bank Funded SPESSE Project.**

The Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) is working assiduously to achieve the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement Project (SPESSE), which is funded through the World Bank finance support.

The Director General, BPP, Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS, reiterated the determination of the office to support the SPESSE team and promised to engage all stakeholders



**Procurement, BPP, listens while World Bank Procurement, Specialist, Chief Bayo Awosemusi delivers his address**

to key into the process of developing a professional procurement system that will meet global standard. He pointed this out when the SPESSE team visited him in his office on Thursday, April 7, 2022

Making his presentation, one of the consultants, Professor Bola Afolabi, a SPESSE Senior Procurement Specialist, said, the project is aimed at professionalizing procurement in Nigeria. Adding that, the set benchmark is to establish a professional procurement practice of world-class standard.

He said, the SPESSE project was designed to start from 2020 - 2024 with 23 Ministries as pilot organisations.

Prof. Afolabi said the program will require about \$80m and that 80% of the budget was meant to establish Centres of Excellence, where stakeholders would be trained and retrained in making risk profile and delivery road map to align with Government Policies.



**R-L: Director, Energy Infrastructure, Engr. Babatunde Kuye and Director, Special Procurement, BPP, Engr. Eze J. Obasi, FNSE.**

**L-R: Prof. Olaniyi Okunlola, Snr. Certification Specialist, Mr. Nurudeen Maidoki, Snr. ICT Specialist, SPESSE and Mr. Mike Damudi, BPP.**

One of the team leaders and procurement specialist from the World Bank, Chief Bayo Awosemusi, pointed out that, though the task is great, it can be achieved. He said the scope of SPESSE goes beyond the project, thus, he said a lot of discussions, assessments, and enlightenments ought to be carried out, adding that, all stakeholders, including Private Practitioners should be involved to enable the project succeed.

The SPESSE team includes:

Chief Bayo Awosemusi – World Bank Task Team Leader

Adebowale Adedokun – BPP SPESSE Coordinator/Head of PIU

Prof. Bola Afolabi – Senior Procurement Consultant

Prof. Olaniyi Okunola - Senior Certification Consultant

Nurudeen Maidoki – Senior ICT Consultant

Ferdinand George – Certification Consultant

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**The Lead Consultant, Prof. Bola Afolabi making his presentation**



**R-L: Head, Civil Infrastructure, Engr. Nasir Bello and Head, Research, Training and Strategic Planning, BPP, Mr. Adebowale Adedokun**



**Director General, Bureau of Public Procurement, BPP, Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS 4<sup>th</sup> right, World Bank Procurement, Specialist, Chief Bayo Awosemusi, 5<sup>th</sup> left, some Management Staff, BPP, Consultants and others in a group Photograph.**