

REPORT ON TRAINING WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY ZAMFARA STATE SFTAS COMMITTEE TO ZAMFARA STATE SMEs ON MEETING THE REQUIREMENT OF NEW DLI 3: STRENGTHENED PROCUREMENT FUNCTION FOR COVID OR EMERGENCY SITUATION AND FACILITATED PARTICIPATION OF SMEs (PART 1) HELD ON TUESDAY 21 & 22 SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT MG METAL & MAWADACHI ALUMINIUM WORKSHOPS AT GUSAU DAY 1

SESSION 1

PREAMBLES

The Zamfara State SFTAS Committee organised a training workshops aimed at meeting the requirement of New DLI 3: strengthened procurement function for Covid or emergency situation and facilitated participation of SMEs in Zamfara State. The committee were able to select four (4) SMEs under the Zamfara Artisan Associations to conduct the training for them on the new procurement measures taken to ensure participation of SMEs in the State.

The training workshop was started at MG METAL Construction Company at Tudun Wada Roundabout at about 10:35am Tuesday September 21, 2020. The committee were able to inform the trainees under the Zamfara State metal workers association and proprietor of the workshop on the new opportunities awaiting them in the new procurement law and guidelines recently signed into Law by the State Executive Governor Alhaji Bello Mohammed Matawallen Maradun, in which the law and guidelines stipulates the inclusion of the SMEs in award of contracts based on the ability of particular SMEs in order to cushion the effect of COVID-19 in the State. Which were mostly affected the SMEs and other small business enterprises in the state; this measure were taken aimed at ensuring stability of

the State economy which was characterised by insecurity through banditry among the youth and other vulnerables in the State.

At their response the State SFTAs Committee Chairman TA Component Alhaji Hamza Salihu and Mohammed Salihu Anka Chairman PforR assured the Chairman MG METAL construction company and other participants the Government redness to work hand in hand with the SMEs in the State, at his response Alhaji Garba Tigana MD MG Metal Construction company construction company expressed his appreciation for choosing his workshop as the first place the training excercise will be conducted and aimed at empowering the youth with skills for self reliance; he further express appreciation to Zamfara State Government for partying with them in the new procurement law in the state and assured the Government that the SMEs in the State will not be left behind.

The training workshop came to an end at about 12:58pm by signing attendance register, group photographs, vedios etc and also with closing prayer by Mallam Dalhatu Musa Morai.

SESSION 2

The continuation of the training workshop took place in MAWADACHI ALMINIUM Unguwar Gwaza Kaura Namoda Road Gusau in which similar procedures were followed in what is contained in the new procurement law and guidelines governing its operations in the State, and the need for SMEs like this workshop to participate in all contractual affairs in the State. The Chairman of the Zamfara Alminium workers Alhaji Naziru Dama also express his appreciation and determination to participate in all activities of the State most especially at this Covid-19 pandemic emergency situation.

The training workshop concluded by signing attendance register of the participant group pictures etc. the workshop came to an end at about 3:22pm by closing prayer from Mallam Sirajo Hassan Director Programme SFTAS.

TRAINING WORKSHOP AT ZAMFARA BUILDING ARTISAN AND CRAFTS MEN ASSOCIATION AND GIGATA ENGINEERING INVESTMENT DAY 2

Day 2 SESSIONS 1

At the second day of the training workshop, the committee hold interaction session with the Zamfara Building Artisan and Crafts Men Association which are considered one of the major importance pillars of SMEs in the State and also as inputs in ensuring achieving Government programmes and objectives in the area of building constructions of Schools, Hospitals and other government infrastructure facilities to achieve this artisan builders must partake in these sector of development.

The committee highlights the new objective of the procurement law and guide lines governing its operations in the State, having understanding the new law and guidelines the Chairman of the Artisan builders Alhaji Hayatu salihu expressed his appreciation for their inclusion on this movement. In which an avenue was created for them to access work directly from Government or registered contractors in the State; as such move will reduce the present hardship being experienced by the members of the association as there is low patronage of their profession due to the effect of covid-19 pandemic in the state. The leader assured the State Government his association redness to participate in this movement aimed at assisting the members of the associations as such is a good move to reduce poverty and converting insecurity in the State by ensuring

steady employment in the State through reinvigorating the growth of SMEs in the State.

The meeting came to an end by signing the attendance register, video coverage and group photographs on the workshop.

DAY 2 SESSIONS 2

The second session took place at GIGATA ENGINEERING INVESTMENT at the inception the committee took time to explain the mission of the committee to the chairman of the investment company Alhaji Bashir Engr in which he expressed his gratitude to the Zamfara State Government for including them in their planned actions aimed at moving the State forward in the area of small business enterprises.

This company specialises in the both metal and wood works furniture's and other home facilities, if given the opportunity the company will bring a lot of changes in the provisions of offices and home furniture's. but due to the low patronages associated to covid-19 pandemic with this planned inclusion of SMEs will ease the suffering being experienced by the members of the associations.

At the end of the occasion a group photographs, videos and signing of attendance register was conducted by the members of the association, and the closing prayer was conducted by Mohammed Salihu Anka Chairman SFTAS PforR.