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*Permanent Secretaries
Heads of Departments
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National Contracts Commission & Sector Committees*

Re: Registration Threshold for Public Sector Contractors

Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments are hereby advised that via *Cabinet Decision No. 4/07 dated January 29, 2007*, the National Contracts Commission's requirement for the registration of public sector contractors has been waived with respect to contracts up to value of **Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00)** per contract.

Contractors are therefore not required to prove tax compliance by presenting a valid Tax Compliance Certificate for contracts up to the above-specified threshold.

Procuring Entities must ensure that there is compliance with the general procurement guidelines contained in the Government of Jamaica Handbook of Public Sector Procurement Procedures.

It is the responsibility of the procuring entity to ensure that all details related to these contracts are included in the Ministry of Finance & Planning's Public Sector Reporting System (PRS1) and the Office of the contractor General's Quarterly Ministry Contract Awards (QCA) Reports, respectively.

Permanent Secretaries/Heads of Departments are required to ensure that all officers concerned are notified of this directive.

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