

In the exercise of the powers granted to it under the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020, the Delta State Public Procurement Council hereby makes the following Guidelines:

PART I

1. These Guidelines may be cited as the Small and Medium Enterprises, Pandemic era and Other Related Matters Guidelines, 2020 (DSPPC Guidelines No. 2 of 2020) and shall come into force on the...1st...day of October, 2020.

Short title and commencement

2. In these Guidelines, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Accounting Officer**” means the Accounting Officer as defined in the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

Interpretation.

“**Beneficiary**” means any SME as defined in the Law who is proposed by a procuring entity as the winner of a bid proceeding and who may be entitled to a procurement contract.

“**Council**” means the Delta State Public Procurement Council as established in the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

“**Commission**” means the Delta State Public Procurement Commission as established in the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

“**Certificate of No Objection**” means the certificate of no objection to award of contract as provided for in the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

“**Procuring Entity**” means procuring entities as defined in the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

“**Procurement**” means procurement as defined in the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

“**Law**” means the Delta State Public Procurement Law, 2020.

3.(1) The purpose of this guideline is to identify and address the challenges that Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) face in participating and winning government contracts by providing approved solutions to how such challenges/barriers shall be overcome by SMEs not only to participate in such contracts but also to be able to submit responsive bids that will lead to award of contracts in the State.