



**“IMPORTANT NOTICE”:**

During the past few weeks, the municipality received several calls from service providers claiming to be contacted and requested to make payments in exchange for receiving a tender or quotation. Please take note, Overstrand Municipality will never contact any service provider to solicit or request payment for any tender, formal quotations (Above R30 000.00), or quotations (Up to R30 000.00).

This is a fraudulent activity, and we therefore appeal to the public to be alert and not engage and respond to such emails as they are scams, please ignore and report them to the municipality immediately.

Very often enterprises and innocent citizens fall prey to these acts of criminals and consequently suffer major losses. We must at all times be alert and report these activities and communication to the relevant authorities as these are criminal offences.

Overstrand Municipality recently discovered that there is an emerging fraudulent scam whereby fraudsters use the names and email addresses of municipal officials, to lobby bribes from the service providers who have submitted bids for tenders. The municipality has already reported this to the South African Police Services (SAPS).

Criminals would also call service providers pretending to be an employee of Overstrand Municipality that is employed in the Supply Chain Management Unit, in an attempt to solicit bribes and promise to influence the outcome of the award in their favour.

Our SCM officials are ethical and would not engage in fraudulent activities as referred to. Nevertheless, we investigated the emails and the message routing and concluded that they did not originate from any internal staff.

To verify the authenticity of requests for goods or services, the public can contact the following officials:

Responsible Officials:

Mr. J Aplon  
Senior Administrative Officer: SCM  
Telephone: 028 313 5021  
Email: [japlon@overstrand.gov.za](mailto:japlon@overstrand.gov.za)

Ms. N Liebenberg  
Principal Clerk: Procurement  
028 313 8052  
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