

BANK OF BOTSWANA

Public Notice

BEWARE OF FRAUDSTERS

The Bank of Botswana wishes to draw the attention of the public to criminals who are attempting to defraud the business community of substantial amounts of Pula posing as employees or agents of the Bank.

The fraudsters claim to assist firms to win a Bank of Botswana tender for a project worth millions of Pula. The unsuspecting firms are then requested to submit, through the fraudsters, information on the firm's profile and other documents relevant for the purported project tender. After a lapse of time, the fraudsters return with a "letter of offer" on a forged Bank of Botswana letterhead advising the firm of a tender award and contract for the project. At that stage, the fraudsters demand payment of a commission for supposedly assisting the firm in "winning" the so-called "tender" and offer of a "contract".

The public is advised that the Bank does not send its employees or agents to solicit or collect tenders from bidders. Therefore, the public is warned to guard against falling victim to such fraudsters and to report such people to the law enforcement agencies immediately.

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