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REPORT ON ALLEGED IRREGULAR PROCUREMENT OF A CONTRACTOR FOR CIVIL WORKS FOR UPGRADING OF ISHAKA-KAGAMBA ROAD BY UGANDA NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY (UNRA) OFFICIALS

0 The Inspectorate of Government received a complaint alleging that there were irregularities in the procurement of a contractor for Civil Works for upgrading of Ishaka-Kagamba Road, Procurement Reference No: UNRA/WRKS/09-10/00001/18/18, by Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) officials. It was specifically alleged that:-

1.1 The procurement process was flawed, in that:

- a) 23 bids were evaluated whereas they had received only 22 bids for the works.
- b) 5 bidders were recommended for pre-qualification whereas 8 bidders had passed the minimum pre-qualification criteria.
- c) M/s General Nile Company/M/s Dott Services did not submit evidence of capacity of key staff on submission of their bid documents but the Evaluation Committee irregularly waived this requirement and asked the firm to submit the information during pre-award negotiation.

1.2 The Project cost overshoot by over UGX 30 billion due to unexplained delay to complete the works. It was further alleged that the road was already impaired long before the full design period of 15 to 20 years.

1.3 The bidding documents were incomplete and ambiguous contrary to Regulation 134 (5) and 264 of the PPDA Regulations.

1.4 On three occasions the Contracts Committee returned the Evaluation Report to the Evaluation Committee for reconsideration without any valid reasons.

