

EDO STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.....2023

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE EDO STATE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) OFFICE

- WHEREAS the Government of Edo State is committed to promoting economic development, job creation, and infrastructure improvement through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), as part of its desire to ensure sustainable economy growth and a striving business environment in the State.
- Furthermore, the establishment of a dedicated Agency is essential to facilitate, coordinate, and promote PPP initiatives within Edo State

I. Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki, Governor of Edo State of Nigeria in the exercise of the authority vested on me by Sections 5 and 16 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), and by virtue of all other powers enabling me in that behalf do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDO STATE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) OFFICE:

- (I) There is hereby established the Edo State Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Office (hereinafter referred to as the "PPP Office").
- (2) The PPP Office shall operate as the lead organisation responsible for the facilitation, coordination, and promotion of Public-Private Partnerships within the State

2. MANDATE OF THE PPP OFFICE:

- (1) The PPP Office shall be tasked with the following responsibilities-
- (a) Identifying and assessing potential PPP projects within Edo State;
- (b) Facilitating the preparation of feasibility studies and project documentation for PPP initiatives;
- (c) Engaging with private sector entities and investors to attract investment for PPP projects:
- (d) Conducting due diligence and risk assessments for proposed PPP ventures;
- (e) Collaborating with relevant government agencies to streamline approval processes for PPP projects;
- (f) Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of PPP projects to ensure compliance with agreed terms;
- (g) Serving as a central point of contact for stakeholders involved in PPP initiatives; and
- (h) Any other responsibility as may be assigned to it by the Governor.

3. LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE OF THE PPP OFFICE:

- (1) The PPP Office shall be headed by a Director-General, who shall be appointed by the Governor to oversee the day-to-day operations of the office.
- (2) The PPP Office may establish necessary departments and units to fulfill its mandate effectively.

4 COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

- (1) The PPP Office shall collaborate with relevant Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to ensure the successful implementation of PPP projects.
- (2) The PPP Office shall work closely with the Edo State Investment Promotion Office (ESIPO) in the promotion of PPP projects in the State. This collaboration may include joint promotional campaigns, investment forums, and other initiatives aimed at attracting private sector investments to Edo State.

5. PPP PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA:

(1) The PPP Office, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall develop transparent and objective criteria for the selection of PPP projects. These criteria shall consider economic viability, social impact, and environmental sustainability.

6. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

- (1) The PPP Office shall initiate public awareness campaigns to inform citizens about the benefits and objectives of PPP.
- (2) The PPP Office shall foster engagement with local communities, non-governmental organisations, and other stakeholders to solicit input, address concerns, and ensure that PPP projects align with community needs.

7. CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING:

- (1) The PPP Office shall-
- (a) implement programmes to enhance the capacity of government officials and stakeholders involved in PPP processes; and
- (b) organise programmes which may include workshops, seminars, and skill development initiatives, to ensure that personnel possess the necessary expertise to effectively engage in PPP transactions

8. FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT:

- (1) The PPP Office shall work closely with the Ministry of Finance and other relevant Agencies to assess the financial viability of PPP projects.
- (2) The PPP Office shall develop risk mitigation strategies and mechanisms to address potential challenges that may arise during the life cycle of PPP projects.

9. MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK:

(1) The PPP Office shall establish a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to track the performance of PPP projects against agreed-upon benchmarks and key performance indicators.

(2) Regular reports on the progress, challenges, and outcomes of PPP projects shall be submitted to the Governor's Office and made available to the public.

10. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER:

The Governor reserves the right to review and amend this Executive Order as may be necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the PPP Office and the overall implementation of PPP initiatives in Edo State.

II. EFFECTIVENESS:

This Executive Order shall remain in force until a law providing a legal backing for the establishing of the Edo State Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Office is enacted.

12. Effective date of Order:

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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