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Dear [REDACTED]

In light of some recent enquiries, I thought it would be opportune to provide you with a brief update on the NASH Tender process. The tender was released to the market on 15 September 2010 and an Industry briefing was conducted on 20 September 2010.

The tender release is being managed by TenderSearch and to date there have been 158 registrations where a copy of the Request for Tender document has been downloaded. The Industry briefing was attended by 99 individuals representing 58 unique organisations. The Tender closes on the 13th October 2010.

Probity has been a key factor within the tender process as we expect that there are a number of industry providers who have in one way or another been engaged with NEHTA in the past. We suspect that some of these providers may respond to the tender and may seek to obtain additional information regarding NASH outside of the official management process of the Request for Tender.

Accordingly, the memo included below has been sent to all staff within NEHTA advising of the correct protocol to be undertaken should they be contacted by anyone regarding the NASH tender.

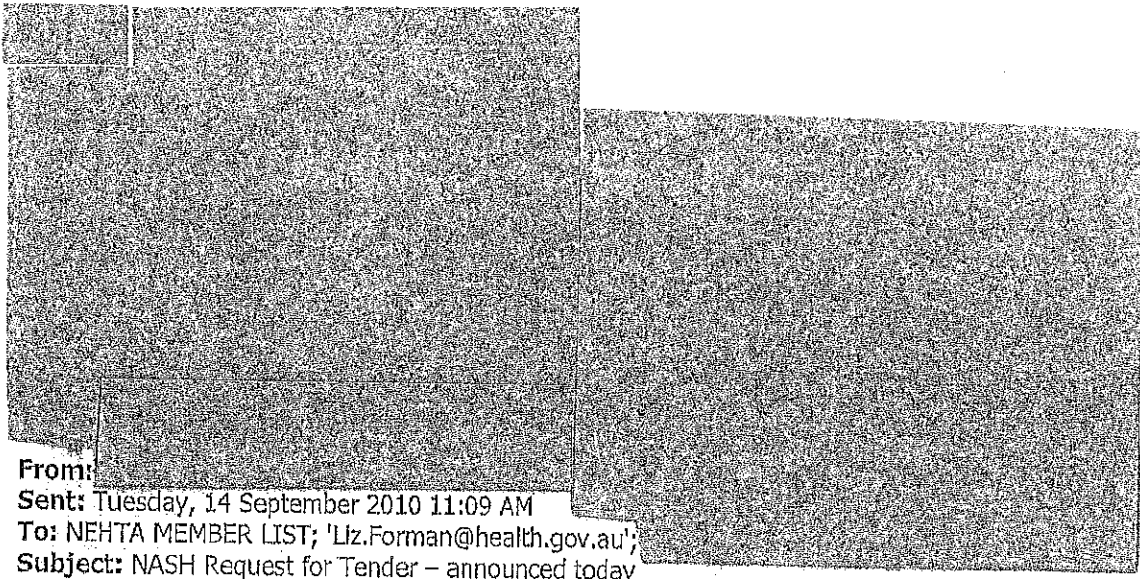
Similarly, there is also the potential that interested parties may attempt to contact members of the Board and/or various jurisdictional health departments.

Such enquiries should be handled within the same protocol which is to direct all enquiries regarding NASH or the Request for Tender to the NASH Contact Officer via email nashrft@nehta.gov.au.

Could I also ask that this email be brought to the attention of any relevant staff within your jurisdiction.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards



From:
Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2010 11:09 AM
To: NEHTA MEMBER LIST; 'Liz.Forman@health.gov.au';
Subject: NASH Request for Tender – announced today

Dear Colleagues

NEHTA is seeking organisation(s) with proven ability to deliver the design, build and operations of a National Authentication Service for Health (NASH) and hence is issuing a tender for the provision of the national authentication service for health (RFT 2010/01).

The announcement of the tender was published in 'The Australian' today, attached for your information.

Background:

The NASH will provide the necessary strong authentication for the healthcare sector, including the provision of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and secure tokens such as smartcards for healthcare providers and supporting infrastructure.

The Request For Tender (RFT) will be released to open tender on Wednesday 15 September 2010. A Tenderer Briefing will be held on 20 September 2010 from 14:00 at the Sydney Harbour Marriott, Circular Quay, Sydney Australia.

Probity Guidelines:


During the tender process all NEHTA staff and contractors are asked not to provide any information or answer any questions to potential bidders in relation to NASH and for probity reasons all queries must come formally via the NASH Contact Officer, Peter Makris (details below).

Detailed guidelines for dealing with industry participants during the NASH tender process: Outside parties with whom NEHTA has an ongoing business relationship or who have dealings with NEHTA may contact NEHTA staff as part of their normal day-to-day relationships. It is important for NEHTA that staff observe the following guidelines throughout the Tender Process (the time from the issue of the Request for Tender until the

contracts are in place):

- No discussion should be held with any proponent or potential Proponent about the Tender Process or in relation to any aspect of the Tender Process which is not publicly available information, without the prior approval or at the direction of the CEO or his nominee.
- No proponent should receive or be perceived to have received additional information to that which is publicly available in respect of the Tender Process.
- Should any proponent request a copy of any document, he/she should be referred to the Contact Officer. No documents should be provided by NEHTA staff.
- Unusual or exceptional invitations from any proponent or potential proponent should not be accepted as this could raise probity concerns or perceptions that the Tender Process is not being fairly administered. (Exceptional invitations are those which are unexpected or which have not usually occurred.)
- Routine business meetings should continue as usual, but NEHTA managers and employees must exercise caution, and must not discuss any aspect of the Tender Process which is not publicly available information.
- Where any party in an unrelated business meeting seeks to raise issues about the Tender Process or in relation to any aspect of the Tender Process, the staff member should indicate that it is not appropriate to discuss such matters. Staff members should be aware that comment from them might be construed in a manner as having an official quality. They should refer any such approaches to the Contact Officer.

I would like to congratulate all staff involved for getting the Programme to this point, particularly the NASH team, who have all worked incredibly hard.

Enquiries about the RFT specifically should be directed to: "NASH Contact Officer" via email: nashrft@nehta.gov.au and queries regarding the NASH Programme as a whole, should continue to be directed towards 

Further communication regarding NASH will be issued as appropriate.

Kind regards

