

## **ROLE OF SUPPLIER APPRAISAL ON MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AT RIFT VALLEY WATER SERVICES BOARD, NAKURU**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study assessed the role of supplier appraisal on management of public procurement at Rift Valley Water Services Board. Supplier appraisal is recognized as the most significant tool for enhancing procurement management. These days the sheer volume of tasks that businesses undertake just to ensure their survival is phenomenal. The specific objectives of the proposed study were to identify the criteria used in appraising suppliers in management of public procurement, to determine the role of supplier development in management of public procurement, to establish the effect of supplier commitment in management of public procurement and to assess the contribution of Procuring Entity-Suppliers partnership in management of public procurement. The respondents of the proposed study were the procurement staff, user departments, pre-qualified suppliers and senior procurement personnel at Rift Valley Water Services Board, Nakuru. The target populations of the proposed study were 100 persons which include the employees of Rift Valley Water Services Board and the pre-qualified suppliers. Stratified random sampling technique was used to select respondents in each category. The study used questionnaires for collecting data as per the proposed specific objectives. The questionnaire contained both closed and open-ended questions and the data was analyzed using both descriptive statistics (mean, mode, frequencies and percentage), and inferential statistics; person product moment correlation to test the hypotheses. There was a

significant relationship between the supplier appraisal, supplier development, supplier commitment, and procuring entity-supplier relationship and procurement performance. Therefore recommends for Rift Valley Water Services Board to document their experiences in implementing supplier appraisal as a best practice for other organizations to adopt.

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