



**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
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JUSTIFICATION

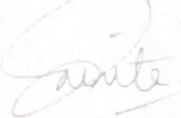
Your Excellency Sir, the approval of the circulation of the Regulation will benefit the State Government thus:

1. The State Government will benefit from a \$2.5m Grant from NG/World Bank SFTAS Programme on DLR 11.3 (Establishment of Institutional Arrangements for the use of property records to improve or start the collection of property tax in the State), subject to the State's compliance to the DLR 11.3 protocols.
2. The implementation of the Land Use Charge and allied property tax laws will largely increase State's annual base revenue
3. Achieving this DLI 11.3 will provides us valid data for use in generating IGR in different areas – waste management, land use charge, business premises taxes, consumption taxes, business licence renewals, PAYE, etc
4. Access to the data will support Government's plan for infrastructural and social development
5. It will improve the State's transparency and accountability in line with World Bank requirements on Ease of Doing Business

PRAYERS

We request that Your Excellency directs all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) especially the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ministry of Lands, Survey and Physical Planning, Imo State Geographical Information Systems and OCDA to collate and share data with Imo State Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of strengthening tax administration in the State.

Please accept my highest assurances.



Dr Doris Uzoka-Anite

Hon. Commission of Finance and Coordinating Economy

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Convey approval.
10/11/22
13/4/22*