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PPA's 7th PUBLIC FORUM

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Hon. Ms. Mona Quartey, Deputy Minister of Finance delivering the keynote address at the PPA 7th Public Forum on Wednesday 24th October, 2015



In pursuance of Section 3 (s) of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663), the Public Procurement Authority (PPA), organised its 7th Public Forum on Wednesday, 28th October, 2015 at the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Accra.

The programme which brought together over 800 participants made up of Heads of Institutions, Procurement Officers, Service Providers, Civil Society Organisations and other Public Officials was under the theme: *"Taking New Strides to Transform the Public Procurement Landscape: Your Role, My Role"*.

The Chief Executive of PPA, Hon. Samuel Sallas-Mensah, in his report enumerated some of the programmes and activities of the Authority in the year 2014 and encouraged procurement entities to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Procurement law. He further assured participants that the Authority through its proposed amendments to the procurement law will eliminate identified bottlenecks in the implementation of the Act.

Hon. Ms. Mona Quartey, Deputy Minister of Finance, delivering the keynote address also urged participants to approach public procurement decisions in a corporate manner and indicated some of the new interventions introduced by Government through its Public Financial Management Reforms Programme (PFMRP) to achieve budget credibility and value for money in public procurement. According to her the restructuring of procurement institutional structures will inject more efficiency and avoid undue details in the procurement process.

Other speakers at the forum were Mrs. Mary Ada, Programmes Manager of the Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) and Mr. Nick Ayeson of the Association of Ghana Industries.

Rhoda Appiah
Chief Operations Officer- Public Affairs
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Online Procurement Planning Activities

List of entities that have submitted their 2015 Procurement Plans online As At Oct. 31 , 2015

1. Accra Academy Senior High School
2. Accra Polytechnic
3. Afadzato South District Assembly
4. Agona West Municipal Assembly
5. Ahanta West District Assembly
6. Ahantaman Senior High School
7. Akatsi College of Education
8. Akim Oda Government Hospital
9. Akuse Government Hospital
10. Akwapim North Municipal Assembly
11. Akwapim South Municipal Assembly
12. Amasie Central District Assembly
13. Assesewa Hospital
14. Atebubu College of Education
15. Atua Government Hospital
16. Bank of Ghana
17. Begoro Hospital
18. Benkum Senior High School
19. Benso Senior High Technical School
20. Berekum College of Education
21. Bia East District Assembly
22. Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly
23. Bolgatanga Polytechnic
24. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation
25. Cape Coast Nursing and Midwifery Training College
26. Cape Coast Polytechnic
27. Cape Coast District Hospital
28. Central- Regional Co-ordinating Council
29. Centre For National Culture - Western Region
30. Centre for Scientific Research Into Plant Medicine
31. Christ The King Catholic School
32. Community Health Nurses Training School - Tamale
33. Controller And Accountant General Dept
34. Copyright Administration
35. Council for Law Reporting
36. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
37. Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
38. Council of State
39. Daboase Senior High Technical School
40. Dadease Agriculture Senior High School
41. Dambai College of Education
42. Denkyemba District Assembly
43. Department Of Urban Roads
44. District Assembly Common Fund
45. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority
46. Dunkwa Senior High Technical School
47. Dwamena Akenten Senior High School
48. East Akim Municipal Assembly
49. Economic and Organised Crime Office
50. Effa Nkwanta Regional Hospital
51. Ejisu Senior High School
52. Encyclopaedia Africa Project
53. Energy Commission
54. Environmental Protection Agency
55. Enyan Denkyira Senior High Technical School
56. Export Development and Investment Fund
57. Fanteakwa District Assembly
58. Fisheries Commission
59. Foods and Drugs Board
60. Forestry Commission
61. Ga East Municipal Assembly
62. Ga South Municipal Assembly
63. Ghana Academy of Arts And Sciences
64. Ghana Aids Commission
65. Ghana Airports Company Limited
66. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission
67. Ghana Audit Service
68. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation
69. Ghana Civil Aviation Authority
70. Ghana Cocoa Board
71. Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division
72. Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
73. Ghana Cylinder Manufacturing Company Limited
74. Ghana Education Service
75. Ghana Free Zones Board
76. Ghana Grid Company Ltd.
77. Ghana Highway Authority
78. Ghana Immigration Service
79. Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund
80. Ghana Institute of Journalism
81. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration
82. Ghana Investment Fund For Electronic Communications
83. Ghana Investment Promotion Council
84. Ghana Library Board
85. Ghana National Fire Service
86. Ghana National Gas Company
87. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
88. Ghana Police Service
89. Ghana Ports And Harbours Authority
90. Ghana Railway Development Authority
91. Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd
92. Ghana Revenue Authority
93. Ghana School of Law
94. Ghana Standards Authority
95. Ghana Statistical Service
96. Ghana Tourist Board
97. Ghana Water Company Limited
98. Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence
99. Gomoa Senior High Technical School
100. Grains And Legumes Development Board
101. Half Assini Senior High Sch
102. Ho Municipal Assembly
103. Ho Polytechnic
104. Holy Child College of Education
105. Institute of Local Government Studies
106. Internal Audit Agency
107. Jasikan District Assembly
108. Jomoro District Assembly
109. Judicial Service
110. Jukwa Senior High School
111. Keta Business Senior High School
112. Keta Senior High School
113. Ketu District Hospital
114. Ketu North District Assembly
115. Kibi Government Hospital
116. Kikam Technical School
117. Koforidua General Hospital
118. Komenda/ Edina/ Eguafu /Abirem District Assembly
119. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
120. Konongo Odumase Senior High School
121. Korle bu Teaching Hospital
122. Krachi East District Assembly
123. Krachi West District Assembly
124. Krachi West District Hospital
125. Kumasi Polytechnic
126. Kwaebibirem District Health Directorate
127. Kwaebirem District Assembly
128. Kwahu West District Assembly



129. Law Reform Commission
 130. Ledzokuku-Krowor Municipal Assembly
 131. LEKMA Hospital
 132. Local Government Service Secretariat
 133. Maamobi General Hospital
 134. Mamprobi Polyclinic
 135. Management Development And Productivity Institute
 136. Mankesim Senior High Technical School
 137. Margaret Mary High School
 138. Metro Mass Transport Ltd
 139. Minerals Commission
 140. Ministry of Petroleum
 141. Ministry of Chieftaincy and Traditional Affairs
 142. Ministry Of Communication
 143. Ministry Of Defence
 144. Ministry Of Education
 145. Ministry Of Employment And Labour Relations
 146. Ministry Of Energy And Petroleum
 147. Ministry Of Environment Science And Technology
 148. Ministry Of Finance And Economic Planning
 149. Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development
 150. Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration
 151. Ministry Of Gender Children And Social Protection
 152. Ministry Of Health
 153. Ministry Of Local Government And Rural Development
 154. Ministry Of Petroleum
 155. Ministry Of Roads And Highways
 156. Ministry Of The Interior
 157. Ministry Of Tourism Culture And Creative Arts
 158. Ministry Of Transport
 159. Ministry Of Water Resources, Works And Housing
 160. Ministry of Youth and Sports
 161. Mpohor District Assembly
 162. Mpohor Senior High Sch
 163. Municipal Health Administration-Nsawam Adoagyiri
 164. Namong Senior High School
 165. Narcotics Control Board
 166. National Accreditation Board
 167. National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
 168. National Commission For Civic Education
 169. National Commission on Culture
 170. National Communication Authority
 171. National Council for Tertiary Education
 172. National Development Planning Commission
 173. National Film and Television Institute
 174. National Health Insurance Authority
 175. National Identification Authority
 176. National Insurance Commission
 177. National Labour Commission
 178. National Lottery Authority
 179. National Pensions Regulatory Authority
 180. National Petroleum Authority
 181. National Population Council
 182. National Road Safety Commission
 183. National Service Secretariat
 184. National Sports Authority
 185. National Sports College
 186. National Vocational Training Institute
 187. New Abirem Government Hospital
 188. New Juaben Municipal Assembly
 189. New Tafo Hospital
 190. Non Formal Education Division
 191. North Tongu District Assembly
 192. Nsawam Government Hospital
 193. Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
 194. Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana
 195. Office of the Head of Civil Service
 196. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT - MAIN
 197. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region
 198. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region
 199. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Northern Region

200. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region
 201. Offinso College of Education
 202. Oppong Mem. Senior High School
 203. Peki Senior High Technical School
 204. Peki College of Education
 205. Petroleum Commission
 206. Pharmacy Council
 207. Potsin T.I. Ahd. Senior High School
 208. Precious Minerals Marketing Corporation
 209. Prempeh College
 210. Presby College of Education - Akropong
 211. Presby Senior High School - Legon
 212. Prestea-Huni Valley District Assembly
 213. Psychiatric Nursing Training School
 214. Public Procurement Authority
 215. Public Utilities Regulatory Commission
 216. Registrar Generals Department
 217. S.D.A. College of Education Asokore
 218. Savannah Accelerated Development Authority
 219. School of Allied Health Sciences
 220. School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital
 221. School of Medicine and Dentistry
 222. Shama Senior High School
 223. SIC Life Company Limited
 224. Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)
 225. Sogakope District Hospital
 226. St. Augustine's College
 227. St. Johns Senior High School
 228. **St. Joseph's College of Education**
 229. St. Monica Training College
 230. St. Theresas Hospital - Nandom
 231. Students Loan Trust Fund
 232. Suhum Government Hospital
 233. Suhum Municipal Assembly
 234. Sunyani Polytechnic
 235. Takoradi Polytechnic
 236. Tamale Metropolitan Assembly
 237. Tamale Polytechnic
 238. Tamale College of Education
 239. Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly
 240. Tema Development Corporation
 241. Tema Metropolitan Assembly
 242. Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital
 243. Twifo Praso Senior High School
 244. University For Development Studies
 245. University Ghana School of Pharmacy
 246. University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
 247. University of Energy and Natural Resource
 248. University Of Ghana (UG)
 249. University of Ghana Business School (UGBS)
 250. University of Health and Allied Sciences
 251. University of Mines -Tarkwa
 252. University of Professional Studies Accra
 253. University Of Science And Technology (KNUST)
 254. University Prac. Senior High
 255. Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
 256. Uthman Bin Afan Senior High School
 257. Volta Lake Transport Company Limited
 258. Volta Regional Hospital
 259. Volta River Authority
 260. **Wa General Hospital**
 261. **Wa Polytechnic**
 262. **Wenchi Methodist Hospital**
 263. **West African Examination Council**
 264. **West Mamprusi District Assembly**
 265. **Wiawso College of Education**
 266. **Yendi District Hospital**
 267. **Yendi Municipal Assembly**
 268. **Yilo Krobo District Assembly**



TAKING NEW STRIDES TO TRANSFORM GHANA'S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LANDSCAPE: YOUR ROLE, MY ROLE

KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY THE HON. MINISTER OF FINANCE AT THE 7TH PUBLIC FORUM OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY-WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2015 @ THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS



Hon. Ms. Mona Quartey, Deputy Minister of Finance delivering the keynote address at the PPA 7th Public Forum on Wednesday 24th October, 2015

THEME: “TAKING NEW STRIDES TO TRANSFORM GHANA'S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LANDSCAPE: YOUR ROLE, MY ROLE.”

Mr. Chairman;
Colleague Ministers;
Members of the Governing Board of the Public Procurement Authority;
Chief Directors;
Heads of Institutions;
Management & Staff of PPA;
Distinguished Guests;
Friends from the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

Preamble

I wish to express my appreciation to the Public Procurement Authority for the opportunity to partake of this all important programme. In fact, the Authority deserves the highest commendation for its resolve and consistency over the years in delivering on this statutory provision of organizing its annual public forum almost every year since its establishment. I am reliably informed that even in this period of austerity and financial constraints, the Authority has employed other innovative ways such as sponsorships in times past and the introduction of participation fees (this time round) all in a bid to partially meet its obligations to

provide this rare opportunity and platform for knowledge sharing and discussions on critical public procurement issues that concerns national development. This, in fact, is a clear indication of the Authority's firm belief in the importance of stakeholder engagement and the need for accountability and transparency in the process of public procurement management. Well done PPA.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is also worth noting that Authority in pursuance of its mandate and objectives have continued to make great strides in advancing public procurement management in the country. For instance, the Authority has in response to global calls for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and the recent adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) has successfully introduced the concept of Sustainable Public Procurement to over 500 public procurement practitioners across six regions of the country through its nationwide roll-out sensitization programmes. It is presently reviewing its Standard Tender Documents to incorporate the application of SPP and other new policies in public procurement to ensure its effective implementation in due time.

The Theme:

Mr. Chairman, the choice of the theme for this year's forum, **“TAKING NEW STRIDES TO TRANSFORM GHANA'S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LANDSCAPE: YOUR ROLE, MY ROLE”** could not have come at a better time than this, especially when the nation is considering amending the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) . These amendments are expected to propel public procurement into a second generation reform process.

Ladies and gentlemen, having implemented the Act 663 for more than a decade, Government on its part has proposed new provisions to the public procurement law intended to transform Ghana's Public Procurement Landscape and take into account some of the current international best practices.

Thus, if the proposed amendments are passed by Parliament, existing hierarchical structures within the public procurement system which cause undue delays are going to be adjusted and also make way for decentralized procure-



ment in line with the Decentralization Policy of Government. The proposed amendments will also address challenges identified in the implementation of the Act and introduce other initiatives like Framework Contracting and electronic procurement.

Key areas proposed for amendment, include the reconstitution of the membership of ETCs (and Tender Review Boards as applicable) to comprise only internal staff of Entities, in order to encourage and deepen ownership of purchasing decisions.

Furthermore, substantial increases are also being proposed to the approval threshold limits of Entities. If approved by Parliament, Heads of Entities will have approval limits of up to GH¢100,000.00 for Goods & Services and GH¢150,000.00 for Works. Entity Tender Committees will also have approval limits of up to GH¢1,000,000.00 for Goods & Services and GH¢2,000,000.00 for Works.

Finally, to reduce excessive administrative costs and enhance efficiency, all tender review boards with the exception of the Central Tender Review boards will be dissolved and Ministries, Departments and Agencies will have to work towards the Central Tender review Committees while the Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies will have the Regional Tender Review Committees to review all their procurement activities with reference to the new thresholds.

Mr. Chairman, another landmark reform underway and expected to have significant impact on the public procurement landscape is the Public Financial Management Reforms (PFMR) Strategy 2015-2018 with key public procurement interventions namely-

The enforcement of requirements for MDAs & MMDA's to prepare their annual procurement plans as part of budget preparation and approval processes;

Review of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) to address regulation rigidities and other weaknesses;

Build capacity of MDAs & MMDA's for effective Procurement Management;

Outreach to the Private Sector to enhance capacity of Goods and Service Providers to be able to submit responsive tenders; and

Deploy electronic systems such as the e-Procurement Planning Tool and the e-Government Procurement System which will be integrated and interfaced with the GIFMIS

and Budget Hyperion System to achieve budget credibility, fiscal discipline and improved public procurement management in the country.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the time for all to get on board. The days of accusations and counter accusations on the challenges of the public procurement reforms must be over and done with. Public Procurement Issues must be approached by our collective efforts. For instance, the preparation of annual entity procurement plans should not be the responsibility of only procurement officers. All functional units within institutions must make it a point to support this process by furnishing their Procurement Units with their procurement requirements at the beginning of the budget preparation period. Heads of Entities must also ensure that their Entity Procurement Plans are effectively done with realistic contract estimates with appropriate procurement methods, steps and lead times and ensure that the plans are approved by the Entity Tender Committees and duly submitted to the Public Procurement Authority.

Service Providers also owe it a duty to improve on their business practices and ensure that their capacities are well built to remain competitive. They must ensure that they obtain the necessary and valid documentations and certifications such as Tax Clearance and Certificates of Commencement of Business from relevant institutions to support their tenders and shy away from collusive arrangements and other corrupt practices that destroys the sanctity and integrity of tendering processes.

Civil Society Organizations are also encouraged to continue to collaborate with the government in order to streamline efforts at ensuring accountability and transparency in all public procurement processes. We urge them to carry on with their watchdog roles and raise the necessary alarms in a bid to correct any malfeasance and help reduce the high levels of perceptions of procurement related corruption and rather increase public confidence in Ghana's Public Procurement System.

Let us not be like the proverbial four people –*Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody* who when there was a job to do, *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done.

It is time to arise and work together to transform Ghana's Public Procurement Landscape, it is indeed, Your Role and My Role.

Thank you for your kind attention.



Report by Hon. Samuel Sallas-Mensah, Chief Executive Officer, Public Procurement Authority on Wednesday, 28th October, 2015 at The College of Physicians & Surgeons, Accra on the Occasion Of PPA's 7th Public Forum



THEME: “TAKING NEW STRIDES TO TRANSFORM GHANA’S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LANDSCAPE: YOUR ROLE, MY ROLE.”

Mr. Chairman,
Hon. Minister,
Hon. Members of Parliament,
Members of PPA’s Governing Board,
Heads of Institutions,
Chief Directors,
PPA Management,
Friends from the Media,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

Preamble

On behalf of the Governing Board of the Public Procurement Authority I warmly welcome you all to our 7th Public Forum today.

All too soon, another year is with us and once again, we are gathered in this same place to deliberate on critical issues pertaining to public procurement in Ghana. For me, my greatest joy is in knowing that our

country still has a critical mass of stakeholders and procurement practitioners like you whose undoubted commitment and support to the course of achieving transparency and accountability is worthy of commendation. Indeed, we are humbled by your teeming support which have made today’s programme a reality.

Ladies and gentlemen, the PPA, in the year under review, performed its functions as stated in Sections 3 of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) under eight (8) broad functions of the Authority namely-

- Benchmarking, Monitoring and Evaluation;
- Policy & Strategy;
- Capacity Development;
- Management Information Systems;
- Legal;
- Human Resource and Administration;
- Public Affairs and
- Finance & Audit.
- Benchmarking, Monitoring & Evaluation



- **Procurement Planning**

Mr. Chairman, Planning as we all know, is an essential component to success and the as the adage goes, failure to plan is definitely planning to fail. Thus, the PPA in line with efforts to periodically assess the conduct of public procurement in the country, closely monitors the preparation and submission of Entities Procurement Plans. According to our records, although about Two Hundred and Seventy Six (276) procurement entities posted their procurement plans, it only marks an increase of 5.34% compared to the number of procurement plans submitted in 2013 and therefore still leaves more room for improvement.

We hold this matter very dear to our hearts because we believe that most of the adhoc and unprofessional approaches to public procurement will be largely curtailed as long as there is strict adherence to realistic public procurement planning. We will therefore urge all Heads of Institutions, Members of Entity Tender Committees and Procurement Officers to take this aspect of public procurement management very seriously and collaborate with us to achieve budget credibility and fiscal discipline in our wider Public Financial Management efforts.

Policy & Strategy

Procurement Records Management

To ensure effective records management of procurement activities, the Authority engaged the Public Records and Archives Administration Department to develop Procurement Records Management Operational and Training Manuals. These documents will form part of the Training Programme on Contract Management that the Authority intends to roll out in 2016 with the support of the AfDB. It is our hope that, this initiative will help procurement professionals and practitioners keep accurate procurement records for better accountability in the public procurement process.

Framework Agreements

The pilot implementation of this concept, in the year 2014, covered Two Hundred and Seventy-Five (275) Second-cycle institutions (schools) in Six Regions namely - Greater Accra, Ashanti, Central, Eastern, Western and Volta Regions. It is expected that a full roll-out of the concept among MDAs, MMDAs and Senior High Schools in other locations countrywide will be subsequently carried out bearing in mind les-

sons learnt in the pilot phase.

Sustainable Public Procurement

In response to global calls for Sustainable Consumption and Production and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, the PPA under its Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) Project embarked on a nation-wide training programme in 2014 in six regions, namely: Greater Accra, Western, Central, Eastern, Northern and Upper West regions. In all, Five Hundred and Seventy (570) procurement practitioners have been trained.

Capacity Development

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, considering the significant role capacity development plays in the effective implementation of the Act 663, the Authority with guidance from its Capacity Development Policy conducted a number of Specialized short term training programmes.

On a whole, a total of Four Hundred and Ninety-Three (493) Public Officials from selected MDA's and MMDA's were trained on the various provisions of Act 663.

It is gratifying to note that the various evaluations conducted at the end of each training programme revealed that Participants had gained additional knowledge and skills which would help them tremendously in the application of Act 663 to ensure value for money in their respective institutions.

Management Information Systems

During the year under review, the PPA redesigned and re-launched its website. In view of this, the website in 2014 attracted over Seventy-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-One (72, 921) unique visitors which represents about 2.94% increase over the figures for the previous year. We believe that, this increase can be attributed to the educational drive embarked on by the PPA to encourage patronage and accessibility of information on Tendering opportunities, Contract Awards and other procurement-related information. Furthermore, continuous publication of the Bi-monthly Procurement e-Bulletin on the website also attracted visitors to the website.

Publication of Contract Awards

As part of efforts to monitor trends in contract awards



and improve on transparency and accountability in Ghana's Public Procurement System, the Authority publishes information on Contract Awards on its website. Mr. Chairman, at the close of 2014, contract awards from Open Tenders posted on the website amounted to Four Hundred and Three (403) compared to the 2013 figure of Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven (787), showing a marked decline of 48.79%. Also, there was a 6.37% shortfall in the total number of Restricted Tender Contracts Awards posted on the website which was One Hundred and Forty-Seven (147) compared to the 2013 figure of One Hundred and Fifty-Seven (157).

Moreover, ladies and gentlemen, in a bid to break the "myth" and the general perception of potential abuses in single source procurement as a method of procurement, the Authority began the publication of Single Source contract awards on its website in September, 2014. At the end of year, over One Hundred and Sixty-Five (165) Single Source Contracts had been posted on the website with details on Contract Sum, Address of Providers, Contract Awarding Entity and reasons or justification for the approval of the use of the Single Source method.

We will once again urge Procurement Entities to promptly furnish the PPA with information on Contract Awards as soon as they are awarded in order to enable us keep effective records.

Average Price Database of Common User Items

The PPA continued to maintain a Price database containing average prices of some common user items on its website. The Price Database was reviewed and updated twice during the year, and currently contains prices of Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven (987) Common-Use items. It is gratifying to note that this Average Price Database is being used by Entities for evaluation and planning purposes to achieve realistic estimates of contracts.

Legal

Amendment of Public Procurement Act

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to announce that the long awaited Public Procurement (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (*copies of which are in your folders*) has been finally gazetted and is currently before Parliament patiently awaiting passage as part of a batch of finance bills expected to be considered and passed into law by Parliament soon. (*Highlights of the proposed amendments*

will be presented by the Director Legal soon after my report and we will encourage you to take a keen interest and contribute in discussions).

Board Affairs

During the year under review, the Governing Board of PPA received a number of applications under section 16(2) of the Public Procurement Act for exemptions from the use of the Public Procurement Act. These applications, ladies and gentlemen, were all denied. The Board declined such applications on the basis that operating under the Act afforded several options in terms of procurement methods and structures which facilitate and provide better accountability in their operations. Moreover, the Board was of the view that these applying institutions failed to effectively demonstrate how their use of the Public Procurement Law had adversely affected them. In our opinion, with the passage of the proposed amendments, the financial thresholds will be appreciably enhanced to offset any operational challenges.

Other applications for declaration of entity status under section 16(1) of the Public Procurement Act, were also received from two (2) institutions and are currently being considered.

Appeals & Complaints

To improve public confidence in the public procurement system and provide effective dispute resolution mechanism in the form of Administrative Review of public procurement activities, the Authority through its Appeals & Complaints (A&C) Panel in the year under review, received six (6) new cases, majority of which have been dealt with. It is however unfortunate that most of these petitions continue to border around complaints of malfeasance and unprofessionalism in conducting tendering processes and improper use of procurement procedures.

Human Resource & Administration

The PPA continued to maintain a lean and yet effective staff strength of about Sixty-Three (63).

To develop a highly motivated and skilled set of professionals to for enhanced public procurement management in the country, a number of Staff with support from development partners during the year under review attended various long-term and short-term local and international programmes which we hope will go a long way to meet our objectives.



Public Affairs

Mr. Chairman, the year 2014 saw PPA undertaking a number of Communications and advocacy activities to create the needed awareness and enhance visibility of PPA's activities and programmes.

To this end, the Authority in the spirit of peer-learning embarked on study tours to some selected Public Procurement Regulatory Institutions in Africa under the Africa Development Bank (AfDB)-Ghana Institutional Support Project (GISP). Institutions visited included:

The Public Procurement & Assets Disposal Board (PPADB) in Botswana;

The Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) in Kenya;

The Office of the Director of Public Procurement (ODPP) in Malawi;

The Rwanda Public Procurement Authority (RPPA) in Rwanda;

The Public Procurement & Regulatory Authority and the Public Procurement Appeals Authority (PPRA & PPAA) in Tanzania; and

The Public Procurement & Disposal Authority (PPDA) in Uganda.

At the end of these benchmarking visits, the Authority was able to:

-Assess the state of play of implementation of the public procurement reforms in the selected countries;

-Appreciate the Legal and Institutional Frameworks adopted for effective procurement management; and

-Explore other innovative interventions that are being considered for adoption to address critical challenges identified in the implementation of Ghana's Public Procurement law.

Inauguration of New Board

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, after the expiration of the tenure of the earlier Board, the President, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama in accordance with Section 4 (2) of Act 663, appointed a new Board which was inaugurated in February this year. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my singular honour to introduce to you PPA's Governing Board Members (*which happens to be one of the most gender balanced Boards in the country* in the persons of:

Alhaji Abukari Sumani-Board Chairman

Hon. Dominic Ayine-Deputy Minister of Justice & Attorney General

Hon. Samuel Sallas-Mensah –CEO

Mrs. Margaret Andan – Private Sector (Vice Chairperson)

Mrs. Mangowa Ghanney –MoF (Member)

Mrs. Magdalene Appenteng –MoF (Member)

Ms. Mansa Amoah-Awuah-Private Sector (Member)

Mr. William Awuku-Private Sector (Member) and

Alhaji Abu Jajah – (deceased-*Minute Silence for his departed soul*)

CONCLUSION

To conclude, I wish to take this opportunity to commend members of the PPA Governing Board, Management and Staff, Development Partners and our varied stakeholders whose tremendous support and input has enabled us to come this far.

We wish to assure you, that the Team at PPA remains resolute to ensure that Public Procurement in Ghana is carried out in a fair, transparent and accountable manner and attain value for every pesewa spent. All we require from you, is your continued support and collaborative efforts as we together, take new strides to transform Ghana's Public Procurement Landscape.

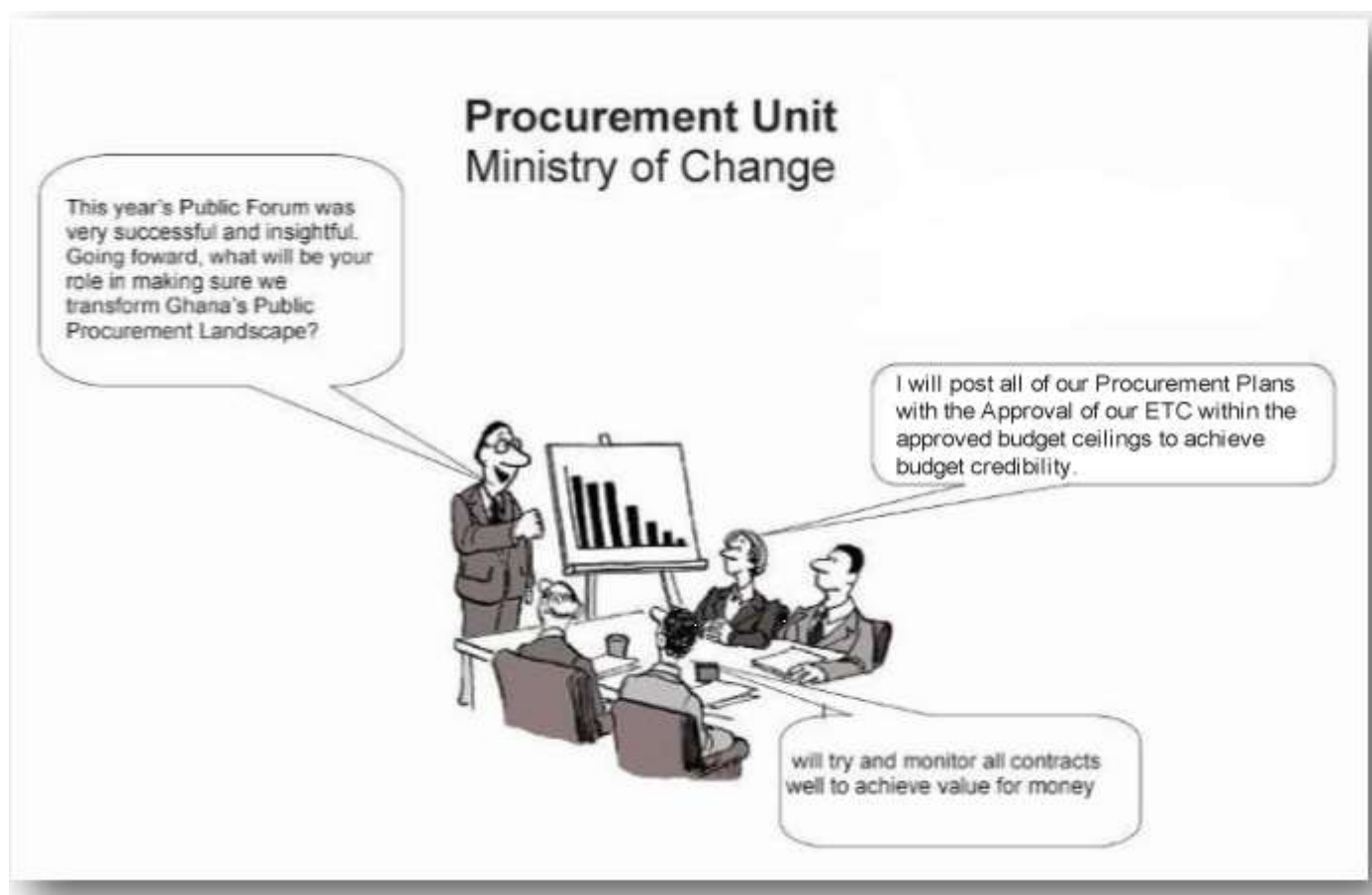
I thank you for your kind attention.



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Procurement Humour



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