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e-GP AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE

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Various definitions have been given to the term good governance. The World Bank, for instance has described it as “the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country’s economic and social resources for development”. According to the United Nations, its essential characteristics include Transparency, Accountability, Effectiveness, Efficiency and Rule of law.

Considering the fact that public procurement constitutes one of the prime business activities of every government, any effort at automating the process using ICT applications (in the form of e-government procurement (e-GP)) should be a welcome intervention. Indeed, it has been established that following the explosive growth of e-commerce in the private sector to the tune of USD 12.8 trillion in 2006, governments all over the world have begun to gravitate towards the application of e-GP as a tool to modernize and improve their procurement systems.

As a way of aligning the e-GP system to match the elements of good governance, the system is designed to enhance transparency and compliance, provide a common platform for effective competition and ensure increased participation of all service providers in procurement. Thus, Ghana’s e-GP system is expected to be conducted not only in accordance with approved annual procurement plans but also in compliance with rules, regulations and processes as defined by Act 663.

In addressing the need for effectiveness and efficiency in governance, the e-GP system brings about the integration and automation of many workflow processes, minimizes physical barriers such as space and time and allows more transparency and efficiency in information flow at relatively lower cost.

Keeping in mind the fact that public procurement is flawed with perceptions of massive corruption, proactive governments could invest in

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Online Activities—Procurement Plan

List of entities that have submitted their 2017 Procurement Plans Online As At June 30 , 2017

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| 1. Abor Senior High School | 54. Essikadu District Hospital |
| 2. Accra Technical University | 55. Fanteakwa District Assembly |
| 3. Achinakrom Senior High School | 56. Fijai Senior High School |
| 4. Adansi North District Assembly | 57. Fisheries Commission |
| 5. Adidome District Hospital | 58. Foods and Drugs Board |
| 6. Adiembra Senior High School | 59. Forestry Commission |
| 7. Aduman Senior High School | 60. Ga South Municipal Assembly |
| 8. Afadzato South District Assembly | 61. Gaming Commission of Ghana |
| 9. Africa Centre For Excellence - KNUST | 62. Ghana Academy of Arts And Sciences |
| 10. Agona West Municipal Assembly | 63. Ghana Aids Commission |
| 11. Achantaman Senior High School | 64. Ghana Airports Company Limited |
| 12. Ajumako/ Enyan/ Esiam District Assembly | 65. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission |
| 13. Akatsi District Hospital | 66. Ghana Audit Service |
| 14. Akatsi South District Assembly | 67. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation |
| 15. Akatsi College of Education | 68. Ghana Civil Aviation Authority |
| 16. Akim Oda Government Hospital | 69. Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division |
| 17. Akuse Government Hospital | 70. Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons |
| 18. Akwapim North Municipal Assembly | 71. Ghana Education Service |
| 19. Akyemansa District Assembly | 72. Ghana Export Promotion Authority |
| 20. Asamankese Government Hospital | 73. Ghana Free Zones Board |
| 21. Asante Akim Central Municipal | 74. Ghana Grid Company Ltd |
| 22. Asante Akim North District Assembly | 75. Ghana Health Service |
| 23. Asare Bediako. Senior High School | 76. Ghana Institute of Journalism |
| 24. Asikuma/ Odoben/ Brakwa District Assembly | 77. Ghana Institute of languages |
| 25. Assin South (Assin) District Assembly | 78. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration |
| 26. Atebubu-Amantin District Hospital | 79. Ghana Investment Fund For Electronic Communications |
| 27. Bank of Ghana | 80. Ghana Investment Promotion Council |
| 28. Bawku East Municipal Assembly | 81. Ghana Library Board |
| 29. Bekwai District Hospital | 82. Ghana Metrological Agency |
| 30. Bia East District Assembly | 83. Ghana National Fire Service |
| 31. Bolgatanga Senior High School | 84. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation |
| 32. Bolgatanga Polytechnic | 85. Ghana Police Service |
| 33. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation | 86. Ghana Ports And Harbours Authority |
| 34. Centre for Scientific Research Into Plant Medicine | 87. Ghana Prisons Service |
| 35. College of Health-Yamfo | 88. Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd |
| 36. Community Health Nurses Training School - Tamale | 89. Ghana Revenue Authority |
| 37. Controller And Accountant General Department | 90. Ghana School of Law |
| 38. Copyright Administration | 91. Ghana Secondary Technical Senior High School |
| 39. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research | 92. Ghana Shippers Authority |
| 40. Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training | 93. Ghana Standards Authority |
| 41. Council of State | 94. Ghana Statistical Service |
| 42. Dambai College of Education | 95. Ghana Water Company Limited |
| 43. Data Protection Commission | 96. Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence |
| 44. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority | 97. Gomoa East District Assembly |
| 45. East Akim Municipal Assembly | 98. Gomoa West District Assembly |
| 46. Economic and Organised Crime Office | 99. Grains And Legumes Development Board |
| 47. Effa Nkwanta Regional Hospital | 100. Half Assini Senior High School |
| 48. Ejisu Juaben Municipal Assembly | 101. Ho Municipal Assembly |
| 49. Ejisuman Senior High School | 102. Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital |
| 50. Electoral Commission | 103. Ho Polyclinic |
| 51. Ellembelle District Assembly | 104. Ho Polytechnic |
| 52. Energy Commission | 105. Holy Child College of Education |
| 53. Environmental Protection Agency | |



- 106.Holy Family Hospital - Techiman
- 107.Internal Audit Agency
- 108.Jaman North Sub.-Dist. Hospital
- 109.Jasikan District Hospital
- 110.Jirapa District Hospital
- 111.Kedjebi District Assembly
- 112.Ketu South Municipal Hospital
- 113.Kibi Government Hospital
- 114.Kintampo North (Kintampo) District Assembly
- 115.Koforidua General Hospital
- 116.Koforidua Polytechnic
- 117.Komenda/ Edina/ Eguafu /Abirem Municipal Assembly
- 118.Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
- 119.Konongo District 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 Girls Senior High School
- 126.Kumasi Technical University
- 127.Kumasi South Hospital
- 128.Kumasi Technical Institute
- 129.Kumasi Wesley Girls Senior High School
- 130.Kumbungu District Assembly
- 131.Kwabre District Assembly
- 132.Kwaebirem District Assembly
- 133.Kwahu Afram Plains North District Health Directorate
- 134.Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly
- 135.La Dade-Kotopon Municipal Assembly
- 136.Labour Department
- 137.Lawra District Hospital
- 138.Lawra Senior High School
- 139.Mampong Municipal Assembly
- 140.Management Development And Productivity Institute
- 141.Margaret Mary High School
- 142.Mfantisiman Girls Senior High School
- 143.Minerals Commission
- 144.Ministry Of Defence
- 145.Ministry Of Education
- 146.Ministry Of Employment And Labour Relations
- 147.Ministry Of Energy
- 148.Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development
- 149.Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration
- 150.Ministry Of Health
- 151.Ministry Of Lands And Natural Recourses
- 152.Ministry Of Roads And Highways
- 153.Ministry Of Sanitation And Water Resources
- 154.Ministry Of The Interior
- 155.Ministry Of Tourism Culture And Creative Arts
- 156.Ministry Of Trade, Industry, Private Sector And Psi
- 157.Ministry Of Transport
- 158.Ministry Of Water Resources, Works And Housing
- 159.Mozano Commercial Senior High School
- 160.Mpasatia Senior High Technical School
- 161.Mpohor District Assembly
- 162.Mpohor Wassa East District Assembly
- 163.Nanumba North District Assembly
- 164.National Accreditation Board
- 165.National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
- 166.National Commission For Civic Education
- 167.National Development Planning Commission
- 168.National Identification Authority
- 169.National Information Technology Agency
- 170.National Labour Commission
- 171.National Lottery Authority
- 172.National Pensions Regulatory Authority
- 173.National Petroleum Authority
- 174.National Service Secretariat
- 175.National Sports College
- 176.National Vocational Training Institute
- 177.New Edubiase District Hospital
- 178.New Eduiase Senior High School
- 179.Ningo Prampam District Assembly
- 180.Nkroful Agric. Senior High School
- 181.Non Formal Education Division
- 182.North Tongu District Assembly
- 183.Northern Electricity Distribution Company
- 184.Nsaba-Presby Senior High School
- 185.Nsawam Government Hospital
- 186.Nsutaman Catholic Senior High School
- 187.Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
- 188.Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana
- 189.Nyinahin Catholic Senior High School
- 190.Obuasi District Hospital
- 191.Obuasi Municipal Assembly
- 192.Office of Administrator of Stool Lands
- 193.Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands
- 194.Office Of The President - Main
- 195.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region
- 196.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region
- 197.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Greater Accra Region
- 198.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Northern Region
- 199.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region
- 200.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western
- 201.Opoku Ware Senior High School
- 202.Osei Kyeretwie Senior High School
- 203.Parliament
- 204.Peki Government Hospital
- 205.Peki Senior High Technical School
- 206.Petroleum Commission
- 207.Pharmacy Council
- 208.Potsin P. I. Ahmadiyya Senior High School
- 209.Prempeh College
- 210.Presby Senior High School. - Legon
- 211.Prestea-Huni Valley District Assembly
- 212.Public Procurement Authority
- 213.Public Service Commission
- 214.Registrar Generals Department



Online Activities—Contd.

215.Ridge Hospital
 216.S.D.A. Senior High School
 217.School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital
 218.School of Dispensing Optics
 219.Securities and Exchange Commission
 220.Sefwi Wiawso Senior High School
 221.Shama District Assembly
 222.SIC Life Company Limited
 223.Simms Senior High School
 224.Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)
 225.Sogakope District Hospital
 226.South Dayi District Assembly
 227.St. Francis College of Education
 228.St. Joseph's College of Education
 229.St. Monica Training College
 230.St. Theresa's College of Education
 231.St. Theresas Hospital - Nandom
 232.Suhum Municipal Assembly
 233.Sunyani Polytechnic
 234.Tafo District Hospital
 235.Tain District Hospital
 236. Takoradi Technical University
 237.Tamale Teaching Hospital
 238.Tamale Technical University
 239.Tarkwa District Hospital
 240.Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly
 241.Techiman North District Assembly
 242.Tema Development Corporation
 243.Tema Metropolitan Assembly
 244.Tepa district Hospital

245.Tepa Senior High School
 246.Tijjaniya Senior High School Effiduase-Asokore
 247.Trauma And Specialist Hospital - Winneba
 248.Tumu District Hospital
 249.Twifo Praso Health Assistants Training School
 250.University For Development Studies
 251.University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
 252.University of Energy and Natural Resource
 253.University of Health and Allied Sciences
 254.University of Mines -Tarkwa
 255.University of Professional Studies Accra
 256.University Of Science And Technology (KNUST)
 257.Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
 258.Upper Manya Krobo District Assembly
 259.Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council
 260.Uthman Bin Afan Senior High School
 261.Volta Regional Hospital
 262.Volta River Authority
 263.Wa General Hospital
 264.Walewale Senior High Technical School
 265.Wasa Akropong Hospital
 266.Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly
 267.Wenchi Methodist Hospital
 268.West Akim Municipal Assembly
 269.Wiawso College of Education
 270.Winneba Municipal Hospital
 271.Worawora District Hospital
 272.Yaa Asantewa Senior High School
 273.Yendi District Hospital

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the adoption of e-GP which provides elements of traceability for audits and therefore has the potential to reduce the opportunities for corruptive, fraudulent, and collusive practices as face-to-face contacts with public officers is largely reduced.

Good as the intentions of this initiative may be, effective implementation of an e-GP project will call for some essentials such as Political will to provide leadership, Change Management techniques to guide the process and the need for Business Process Re-Engineering and the provision of the required ICT infrastructure to make it a reality.

Given the inherent benefits that an e-GP system affords any country, the PPA through this e-publication would like to launch a campaign that will generate a national discourse on the possible adoption of this system. Therefore contrary to the views that it is as a mere technological add-on to an already laborious process, we believe that it rather holds the potential to inject greater efficiency, accountability and transparency into Ghana's public procurement processes .

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Towards An Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) System



Introduction

Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) is strictly a Government to business (G-to-B) process of using ICT, specifically the internet platform to acquire Goods, Works and Services at the best value obtainable. eGP is an effective tool for good Governance and seeks to create a more open, transparent and accountable procurement system.

The project for the systematic development of an electronic Government Procurement (eGP) system in Ghana started in February 2012, with the award of a contract to PriceWaterHouse Coopers to act as consultants to the Project.

The project with funding support from the World Bank falls under the Bank's wider eTransform Project. Implementation agency for the eTransform is the Ministry of Communications.

Deliverables

- PriceWaterHouse Coopers has met most of the deliverables as per assignment. These among others include;
- National E-GP Vision, Mission and Objectives For Ghana
- Communication Strategy
- Assessment of Internet Capacity and Connectivity of Stakeholders
- Comprehensive Assessment Report with E-GP indicators
- Strategy and Action Plan
- Design of pilot for testing e-GP system
- Preparation of Tendering documents for selection of Application Service Provider
- Major outstanding deliverables by the consultant are;
- Facilitation of Stakeholder Workshop

- Supervision of implementation in selected entities for Phase 1
- Issuance of final completion report

Current Status

The evaluation process to select an Application Service Provider (ASP) to provide a suitable system for the implementation of eGP was conducted in October, 2016. At the end of the process, European Dynamics (ED) of Greece was selected as the Application Service Provider (ASP) to provide a system for the implementation of eGP in Ghana. The World Bank has granted its 'No Objection' to the selection of ED and Notification of Award was communicated to ED April, 2017.

Subsequent to the World Bank's 'No Objection', contract has been signed by various parties and formal implementation is expected to start with the submission of its Project Work Plan to PPA by end of June, 2017.

Conclusion

The Ghana ICT for Accelerated Development (ICT4AD) Policy of June 2003 has among its objectives, Facilitating Government Administration and Service Delivery – Promoting Electronic Government and Governance.

To achieve this objective, the Government under the eTransform Project is rolling out a number of e-Government applications (eProcurement, eParliament, eJustice, eImmigration etc). The implementation of an end-to-end eProcurement system is therefore expected to transform Ghana's procurement landscape through promoting compliance, efficiency and cost benefits.

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Ghana's Proposed Electronic Procurement System



Brief Profile of EUROPEAN DYNAMICS

EUROPEAN DYNAMICS (ED) is a leading Information Technology and Telecommunications services company with a long involvement in the delivery of IT projects and the provision of IT support services for European Institutions and other international and government organizations in the EU and worldwide. The company specializes in the fields of software development, IT systems integration, advanced Internet / Web technologies, database applications, including Web integration to existing information systems, consulting, collaboration and knowledge management, software and hardware configuration / staging / operation and the delivery of IT and telecommunications turn-key projects. Key to the success of the company was the early realization of the market potential in delivering high-quality, mission-critical, secure, high availability fixed-price / fixed-time systems integration / bespoke software development and a broad range of outsourced IT services. ED is headquartered in Athens, Greece, with branch offices in Brussels, London, Luxembourg, Nicosia and Thessalonica.

ED has significant experience in the analysis, design, development, maintenance and management of strategic e-government and information systems ranging from client / server to multi-tier applications, web services and SOAs. Moreover, the company's expertise extends to the provision of IT support services at sys-

tem and user level such as design, supply, installation and support of IT hardware infrastructure, as well as helpdesk, onsite operational support and training to IT systems end-users.

EUROPEAN DYNAMICS and Electronic Procurement

ED pioneered e-procurement legislation analysis, pilots, feasibility, requirements collection, and implementation of e-tender demonstrators for IDABC (<http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/>). Furthermore ED has developed the official eNotices Services and Supplier Portal for the EU Publications Office (<http://simap.europa.eu/enotice/>). ED also delivered the national e-notification, e-tendering and e-catalogue platforms for the **Federal Government of Belgium**, while its platform is currently used to empower the full **e-Procurement Systems** for the **Government of Cyprus** and the **Government of Malta**. ED's e-procurement demonstrators (developed on behalf of the European Commission), constitute a corner stone for the expansion of e-procurement in the EU and the familiarisation of Contracting Authorities and the industry with the concept.

ED has won, through international competitions, four contracts funded by the **World Bank** to implement the Electronic Procurement Systems to cover the needs of the **Republic of Armenia (2010-2011)**, the **Government of Zambia (2014-2018)**, the **Government of**

Tanzania (2016-2018) as well as the **Government of Tajikistan (2016-2018)**, all contracts in the field electronic tendering and evaluation, as well as vendor and contract management.

Furthermore, ED was contracted to design, develop and install an **Electronic Tendering System** to assist the **Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)** Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (PPS) to carry out its pooled procurement mandate. The system (also funded by the World Bank) has been operational since June 2013. Furthermore, in May 2014 ED was awarded a contract for the implementation of an e-Procurement System for the **Ministry of Finance of Jamaica**.

In the **United Kingdom** ED has established its presence as a key player of e-Procurement and in particular:

- ED was awarded (January 2009) a contract for the "Supply and Managed Service of Technology Platform for the **NHS Supplier Pre-Qualification Information Database**", also referred to as **sid4health**.
- ED has been awarded (April 2009) a framework contract by the former Office of Government Commerce (OGC) **Buying Solutions** for the provision of **e-Sourcing Services**. The e-Sourcing Services framework involves the provision of a managed service with the following components: Electronic tendering (eT); Electronic evaluation (eE); Electronic contract management (eCM); Electronic auctions (eA); Electronic vendor management (eVM). Services to be offered include hosting, help desk services, training, contract support, etc.

Furthermore, ED has been awarded (July 2009, renewed in January 2014) a framework contract by **Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO)** for the provision of **e-Solution Services** to over 70 cooperating Councils. The e-Solution Services framework contract involves the provision of a managed service with the following components: E-Tendering; E-Contract Management; E-Document Exchange;

E-Evaluation and E-Auctions. Services to be offered include hosting, help desk services, training, contract support, etc.

- ED has also entered an agreement with the **Lancashire County Council (UK)** for the provision of an Electronic Tendering Software Solution sys-

tem that will cover the e-Procurement needs of Lancashire for the period 2010-14.

- In January 2010, the **London Development Agency (LDA)** assigned to ED a three-year contract for providing and managing an e-Procurement system that will cover all the procurement needs of the LDA for e-Tendering, e-Evaluation and e-Contract Management.
- In May 2010, the **Transport for London (TfL)** awarded a four-year contract for providing and managing an e-Procurement system that will cover all the procurement needs of all TfL divisions.
- In August 2010 the **Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO)** awarded a contract to our company for its e-Procurement needs covering the period August 2010 to July 2014.
- In October 2010 the **Suffolk County Council (SCC)** selected ED to provide eTendering and eContract Management Services for a three-year contract.
- In February 2011 the **Food Standard Agency (FSA)** awarded ED a contract for its electronic tendering, evaluation, contract and project management needs.
- In March 2011 the **Renfrewshire Council** selected ED to offer e-PPS as a managed service fulfilling the needs of the council in electronic tendering, evaluation, contract and project management as well as vendor management, as well as in e-Auctions.
- In October 2011 the **Scottish Government** awarded to ED a multi-million contract for developing and providing a Collaborative Content Management System that will cover the e-Catalogue needs for the entire Scottish public sector.
- In January 2012, ED was awarded the Dynamic Purchasing Systems framework by **Pro5**. The framework contract's scope is the supply of a Dynamic Purchasing System to Contracting Authorities.
- In March 2013, the **Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO)**, awarded to ED a contract for implementing e-PPS for conducting procedures based on the "Dynamic Purchasing System – DPS" procurement procedure.

- Since May 2013 ED is a framework contractor in the **Government Procurement Service G-Cloud Framework Agreement Lot 3** for offering its entire suite of e-Procurement and e-Collaboration products and services to UK public authorities through the SaaS model.
- In February 2014, ED was awarded a ten-year contract for the implementation and continuous support of the Electronic Tendering system used by the entire public sector of **Northern Ireland**.

Lastly, the ED's **e-Catalogue system**, an integral part of its suite of Electronic Procurement systems, is currently operational and being used by all public sector organisations in **Scotland, Poland, Belgium and Indonesia**.

Internationally, the company is in the process of implementing various contracts with the European Commission, the Council of the EU, the European Parliament, INTERPOL, EUROPOL, CEPOL, ERA, EASA, EEA, OHIM, OPOCE, EUROCONTROL, the United Nations, the ECB, various EU government and public sector organisations (e.g. in the UK, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Tunisia, Germany, Austria, Ireland, Poland, Georgia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Belgium, Luxembourg, Jordan), etc.

Last but not least, ED was the European Commission's contractor for Infodis and ePractice.eu. These were advanced marketing operations in technological areas (including e-procurement) targeting the whole EU. The tasks of ED included creating content, undertaking marketing, promotion and disseminations activities, producing studies, white papers and reports, organising workshops, conferences and awards under the ePractice.eu initiative which was the official one-stop portal for e-Government throughout Europe and help all EU member states adopt best practices in e-Government.

THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

European Dynamics (ED) is offering its Electronic Public Procurement System, referred to as e-PPS in for implementation in Ghana.

The e-PPS e-Sourcing System (the Platform) is an e-Procurement platform developed by the ED and offered to several public organisations either as a customised platform or as a managed service. E-PPS stands for "electronic Public Procurement System" and is developed by ED, functioning as a generic platform for

achieving specific e-Procurement implementations for several European and International Organisations. It is based on open source software and can be parameterised for achieving different functionality for the support of e-Procurement stages and awarding procedures. The Platform was a result of the significant experience gained by ED, following the successful execution of several public procurement projects for more than a decade.

The e-PPS platform is based on the following modules:

e-Attestation: Supplier profiling and database tool that allows Contracting Authorities to build sophisticated strategic sourcing databases and Suppliers to upload relevant category specific selection and exclusion criteria information.

e-Registration: The module undertaking user registration and management.

e-Notification: Supports the automated procedure to publish contract notices in the Official Journal of the EU and other publication boards. Furthermore, it supports easy electronic access to tender documents and clarifications.

e-Tendering: Supports the submission of tenders, either via the web system or via an independent, standalone application. The System provides the capability of automatic validation of electronic proposals, in order for the suppliers to be able to receive immediate feedback in their proposals.

e-Awarding: Supports the opening and evaluation of tenders, in line with the related legal regulations. The proposals evaluation is achieved with the use of the established methods (Most Economically Advantageous Tender - MEAT or Lowest Price criterion), while the evaluation procedure can include the conducting of e-Auctions.

e-Auctions: Supports the receipt of improved tenders, through the use of electronic auction events.

e-Catalogues: Supports the use of catalogue-based tenders.

Spend Glass: Provides complete reporting and business analytics functionality.

Contract and Project Management (CPMS): Supports comprehensive contract and project management functionality.

The modular structure of the Platform entails core and e-Procurement specific modules allowing for efficient cus-



tomisation, parameterisation and adaptability according to specific needs of a Procuring Entity. In this respect, the behaviour of specific Platform implementations can be tailor-made based on particular requirements and needs. This flexibility of the Platform renders it as an optimum solution for facilitating the rapid and effective development and deployment of specific e-Procurement implementations. The aforementioned modules can be used as separate standalone applications. A Procuring Entity can utilise a specific module for its needs, e.g. the e-Notification module to enable the electronic publication of their contracts to international and national procurement portals. Furthermore, the Platform can be utilised as a unified **Procurement Portal** which provides a Front End Graphical User Interface layout for all high-level, previously mentioned, functionalities and modules (or a subset of them), along with configurable secondary functionalities, such as news, Frequently Asked Ques-

tions and an online help service. In this case, the modular structure of the Platform will be transparent to the end users enabling them to use a highly ergonomic system which supports all stages of e-Procurement. Thus, all the necessary information will be automatically transferred seamlessly between the Platform modules (e.g. supplier and procurement information to the contract management module). In this type of configuration, the e-Attestation module plays a centralised role since all Platform modules are directly linked to it supporting the seamless transfer of information between buyers and suppliers.

Excerpts From :

European Dynamics'

Executive Summary

Benefits of E-Procurement

Introduction

There is an enormous potential for savings to be made for establishing and using an e-procurement system across the country. The manual or traditional procurement processes has certain disadvantages that increases cost as well as cause delays in the procurement process. Use of information technology to conduct government procurement is therefore expected to generate benefits for both government and procurement practitioners.

Most of these benefits can be grouped in three major areas, namely;

- Governance
- Efficiency and
- Economic Development

Governance

Government procurement is often identified with tensions between public expectations of high standards of governance, management requirements for performance, overt political influence and broader stakeholder interests particularly from the private sector. Technology offers the potential to substantially strengthen transparency of government procurement, addressing an area of sometimes intense public interest. E-Procurement will enhance governance in terms of transparency and accountability.

Transparency is achieved in terms of;

- Available Information on Public Procurement Function
- Available Information on Procurement Transactions
- Higher compliance levels
- Reduced Corruption
- Audit Trails on Procurement Transactions
- Improved quality of public procurement reporting, monitoring and management
- In terms of accountability, the following will readily be available on an e-Procurement system.
- Online disclosure of procurement notices
- Online disclosure of awarded contracts
- Open and fair competition
- Increased compliance with procurement policy
- Public access to procurement information
- Less opportunity for corruptive, collusive, fraudulent and coercive practices.

Efficiency

Using e-Procurement also offer gains in terms of efficiency and effectiveness. The benefits of online technology for the efficiency and effectiveness of government procurement reflects on the cost of transactions and value-for-money outcomes. This can be measured in terms of;

- Increased Price Transparency
- Increased Competition
- Lower Transaction Cost for Suppliers

In addition to these outcomes e-Procurement can be expected to provide significant but less quantifiable benefits through greatly improved management information and analysis, laying the foundation for innovation in sourcing, aggregation and service production.

Economic Development

Implementing e-Procurement also has the potential of changing the procurement landscape in terms of economic development. These developments can be attributed to

- Private Business Activation
- Infrastructural Development
- Capacity Building

For all procurement practitioners to participate in procurement activities using e-Procurement, will require building of broadband capacity, promoting digital literacy, and encouraging businesses to use information and communications technology for procurement activities.

Conclusion

In conclusion, if implemented appropriately and part of a holistic procurement vision, as outlined in Act 663 as amended (Act 914), a suitable e-Procurement system will realize substantial long term savings for the country.

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