



E-Bulletin



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e-GP AN EFFECTIVE TOOL

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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.

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Online Activities—Procurement Plan

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Abor Senior High School | 49. Economic and Organised Crime Office |
| 2. Accra Polytechnic | 50. Effa Nkwanta Regional Hospital |
| 3. Accra Psychiatric Hospital | 51. Ejisu Juaben Municipal Assembly |
| 4. Achinakrom Senior High School | 52. EjisumanSenior High School |
| 5. Adansi North District Assembly | 53. Electoral Commission |
| 6. Adidome District Hospital | 54. Ellembele District Assembly |
| 7. Adiembra Senior High School | 55. Enchi College of Education |
| 8. Aduman Senior High School | 56. Energy Commission |
| 9. Afadzato south District Assembly | 57. Environmental Protection Agency |
| 10. Africa Centre For Excellence - KNUST | 58. Essikadu District Hospital |
| 11. Agona West Manucipal Assembly | 59. European Dynamics |
| 12. Ahantaman Senior High School | 60. Fantekwa District Assembly |
| 13. Ajumako/ Enyan/ Esiam District Assembly | 61. Fijai Senior High School |
| 14. Akatsi College of Education | 62. Fisheries Commission |
| 15. Akatsi District Hospital | 63. Foods and Drugs Authority |
| 16. Akatsi South District Assembly | 64. Forestry Commission |
| 17. Akim Oda Government Hospital | 65. Ga South Municipal Assembly |
| 18. Akuapim North District Assembly | 66. Gaming Commission of Ghana |
| 19. Akuse Government Hospital | 67. Ghana Academy of Arts And Sciences |
| 20. Akyemansa District Assembly | 68. Ghana Aids Commission |
| 21. Asamankese Government Hospital | 69. Ghana Airports Company Limited |
| 22. Asante Akim Central Municipal Assembly | 70. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission |
| 23. Asante Akim North Municipal Assembly | 71. Ghana Audit Service |
| 24. Asare Bediako Senior High School | 72. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation |
| 25. Asikuma Odoben Brakwa District Assembly | 73. Ghana Civil Aviation Authority |
| 26. Assin South District Assembly | 74. Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division |
| 27. Atebubu District Hospital | 75. Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons |
| 28. Bank of Ghana | 76. Ghana Education Service |
| 29. Bawku Municipal Assembly | 77. Ghana Export Promotion Authority |
| 30. Begoro Hospital | 78. Ghana Free Zones Board |
| 31. Bekwai district Hospital | 79. Ghana Geological Survey Authority |
| 32. Bia East District Assembly | 80. Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO) |
| 33. BolgaSenior High School | 81. Ghana Health Service |
| 34. Bolgatanga Polytechnic | 82. Ghana Highway Authority |
| 35. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation | 83. Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) |
| 36. Centre for Plant Medicine Research - Mampong | 84. Ghana Institute of languages |
| 37. College of Health-Yamfo | 85. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Ad-
ministration |
| 38. Commission on Human Rights and Administrative
Justice | 86. Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communi-
cation |
| 39. Controller And Accountant General Dept | 87. Ghana Investment Promotion Centre |
| 40. Copyright Administration | 88. Ghana Law School |
| 41. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research | 89. Ghana Library Board |
| 42. Council for Technical and Vocational Education
and Training | 90. Ghana Metrological Agency |
| 43. Council of State | 91. Ghana National Fire Service |
| 44. Dambai College of Education | 92. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation |
| 45. Dambai Tr. College | 93. Ghana Police Service |
| 46. Data Protection Commission | 94. Ghana Ports And Harbours Authority |
| 47. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) | 95. Ghana Post Company Limited |
| 48. East Akim Municipal Assemby | 96. Ghana Prisons Service |



97. Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd
 98. Ghana Revenue Authority
 99. Ghana Secondary/Tech.
 100. Ghana Shippers Authority
 101. Ghana Standards Authority
 102. Ghana Statistical Service
 103. Ghana Water Company Limited
 104. Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence
 105. Gomoa East District Assembly
 106. Gomoa West District Assembly
 107. Grains And Legumes Development Board
 108. Half Assini Senior High School
 109. Ho Municipal Assembly
 110. Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital
 111. Ho Polyclinic
 112. Ho Technical University
 113. Holy Family Hospital - Techiman
 114. Holy Child College Of Education
 115. Internal Audit Agency
 116. Jaman North Sub.-Dist. Hospital
 117. Jasikan District Hospital
 118. Jinjini Senior High School
 119. Jirapa District Hospital
 120. Judicial Service
 121. Kedjebi
 122. Keta District Hospital
 123. Ketu North District Assembly
 124. Ketu South Municipal Hospital
 125. Kibi Government Hospital
 126. Kintampo North Municipal Assembly
 127. KNUST Senior High School
 128. Koforidua General Hospital
 129. Koforidua Technical University
 130. Komenda Edina Eguafu Abirem Municipal Assembly
 131. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
 132. Konongo District Hospital
 133. Konongo Odumase Senior High School.
 134. Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital
 135. Krachi East District Assembly
 136. Krachi West District Assembly
 137. Krachi West District Hospital
 138. Kumasi Girls Senior High School.
 139. Kumasi High Sch
 140. Kumasi south Hospital
 141. Kumasi Technical Institute
 142. Kumasi Technical University
 143. Kumasi Wesley Girls Senior High School
 144. Kumbungu District Assembly
 145. Kwabre
 146. Kwaebirem District Assembly
 147. Kwahu Afram Plains North District Health Direc-

torate
 148. Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly
 149. Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology (KNUST)
 150. Labour Department
 151. Ladade Kotopon Municipal Assembly
 152. Lawra District Hospital
 153. Lawra Sec Sch
 154. Mampong Municipal Assembly
 155. Management Development And Productivity Institute
 156. Mankesim Sec/Tech
 157. Margaret Mary High School
 158. Mfantisiman Girls Sec.
 159. Minerals Commission
 160. Ministry for the Interior
 161. MINISTRY OF AVIATION
 162. Ministry of Defence
 163. Ministry of Education
 164. Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations
 165. MINISTRY OF ENERGY
 166. Ministry of Finance
 167. Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development
 168. Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration
 169. Ministry of Gender, Children and Social protection
 170. Ministry of Health
 171. Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development
 172. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources
 173. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM
 174. Ministry of Railways Development
 175. Ministry of Roads and Highways
 176. Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources
 177. Ministry of Tourism Culture and Creative Arts
 178. Ministry of Trade and Industry
 179. Ministry of Transport
 180. Ministry of Water Resources, Works And Housing
 181. Ministry of Works and Housing
 182. Mozano Senior High School
 183. Mpasatia Senior High Tech. Sch.
 184. Mpohor District Assembly
 185. Mpohor Wassa East District Assembly
 186. Nanumba North (Nanumba)
 187. Narcotics Control Board
 188. National Accreditation Board
 189. National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
 190. National Commission for Civic Education
 191. National Development Planning Commission
 192. National Film and Television Institute

Online Activities—Contd.

193. National Identification Authority
194. National Information Technology Agency (NITA)
195. National Labour Commission
196. National Lotteries Authority
197. National Pensions Regulatory Authority
198. National Petroleum Authority
199. National Service Secretariat
200. National Sports College
201. National Vocational Training Institute
202. New Edubiase District Hospital
203. New Edubiase Senior High School
204. Ningo Prampram District Assembly
205. Nkroful Agric Senior High School
206. Non Formal Education Division
207. North Tongu District Assembly
208. Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo)
209. Nsaba Presby Senior High School
210. Nsawam Government Hospital
211. Nsutaman Cath. Sec Sch
212. Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
213. Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana
214. Nyinahin Cath.Sec.
215. Obuasi Government Hospital
216. Obuasi Municipal Assembly
217. Office of Administrator of Stool Lands
218. Office of President
219. Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands
220. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region
221. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region
222. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Greater Accra Region
223. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Northern Region
224. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region
225. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western
226. Opoku Ware Sec.
227. Osei Kyeretwie Senior High School
228. Parliament
229. Peki Government Hospital
230. Peki Senior High Technical School
231. Petroleum Commission
232. Pharmacy Council
233. Potsin T.I. Ahd. Senior High School
234. Prempeh College
235. PresbySenior High School. - Legon
236. Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly
237. Public Procurement Authority
238. PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM SECRETARIAT
239. Public Service Commission
240. Registrar Generals Department
241. Ridge Hospital
242. S.D.A.Senior High School.
243. School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital
244. School of Dispensing Optics
245. Securities and Exchange Commission
246. Sefwi Wiaso Senior High School
247. Shama District Assembly
248. SIC Life Company Limited
249. SimmsSenior High School
250. Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)
251. Sogakope District Hospital
252. South Dayi District Assembly
253. St. John Bosco College of Education
254. St. Louis College Of Education
255. St. Patricks Nursing and Midwifery Training college
256. St. Theresas College of Education
257. St. Theresas Hospital - Nandom
258. Students Loan Trust Fund
259. Suhum Municipal Assembly
260. Sunyani Polytechnic
261. T. I. Ahmadiya Senior High School
262. Tafo District Hospital
263. Tain District Hospital
264. Takoradi Technical University
265. Tamale College of Education
266. Tamale Teaching Hospital
267. Tamale Technical University
268. Tarkwa District Hospital
269. Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly
270. Techiman North District Assembly
271. Tema Development Corporation
272. Tema Metropolitan Assembly
273. Tepa District Hospital
274. Tepa Senior High School
275. Tijjaniya Senior High School Effiduase-Asokore
276. Trauma And Specialist Hospital - Winneba
277. Tumu District Hospital
278. University For Development Studies
279. University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
280. University of Energy and Natural Resources
281. University of Health and Allied Sciences
282. University of Mines and Technology -Tarkwa
283. University of Professional Studies, Accra
284. Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
285. Upper Manya District Assembly
286. Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council
287. Uthman Bin Afan Senior High School
288. Volta Regional Hospital
289. Volta River Authority
290. Wa General Hospital
291. Walewale Senior High Technical School
292. Wasa Akropong Hospital
293. Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly
294. Water Resources Commission
295. Wenchi Methodist Hospital
296. Wesley College of Education
297. West Akim Municipal Assembly
298. Wiawso College of Education
299. Winneba Municipal Hospital
300. Worawora District Hospital
301. Yaa Asantewaa GirlsSenior High School
302. Yendi District Hospital
303. Yendi Municipal Assembly



Establishment of the Unit Cost of Infrastructure in Ghana

Introduction

The ability to understand the level and components of investment required to support the development of infrastructure in developing countries is increasingly becoming very important for governments, donor agencies and financial institutions operating in these countries. These institutions need to know how much the investment in the infrastructure will cost and how those costs are determined in order to plan the financing and execution of these projects to achieve the best value for money.

Currently, the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) maintains a data base for common user items and therefore has reference prices for such items. However, PPA did not have a similar database for infrastructure, which accounts for a significant proportion of Ghana's national budget.

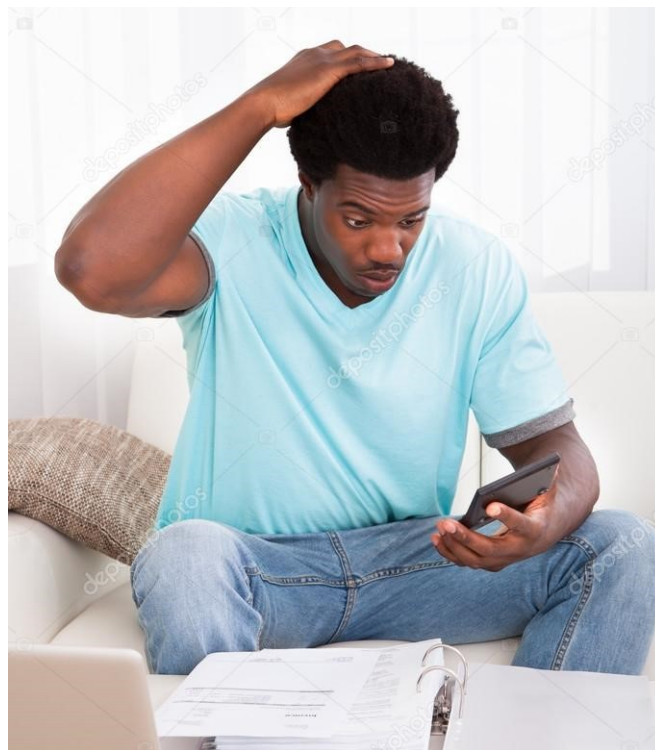
There is a common perception in Ghana that the cost of providing infrastructure is too high compared to other countries. However, there is no concrete data or system to prove this or otherwise, across the various types of infrastructure.

Establishment of the Unit Cost of Infrastructure

The Public Procurement Authority through the Public Financial Reform Project (PFMRP) contracted PriceWaterHouse Coopers (PwC) to conduct a study to provide a basis for comparative reference to facilitate cost benchmarking for infrastructure projects in Ghana.

The infrastructure sectors the assignment focused on are:

- ⇒ Roads;
- ⇒ Buildings;
- ⇒ Water and Sewerage Systems; and
- ⇒ Power (hydro, solar, wind, thermal, com-



bined cycle plants, power barges, gas and other fuel plants).

Unit Cost Estimator and Budget Tool

Data gathered from the study has been used to establish a database for determining unit cost. In addition to the unit cost estimator which is a budget tool for providing infrastructure estimates. The tool can be used by stakeholders for the preparation of realistic budget estimates for infrastructure projects.

The unit cost estimator and the budget tool is now available on the PPA Website.

As you use this tool for its intended purpose, PPA will be glad to receive comments and suggestion to improve the system. Send such comments/suggestions to info@ppaghana.org.

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Benefits of e-Procurement to the Private Sector

The Public Sector is the biggest single buyer in any country. It buys standard goods, complicated equipment, services ranging from cleaning offices to management consulting, mobile telephony, medicines, building of bridges or digging of tunnels and so on. The suppliers of these products and services most often are the private sector. However in many cases private companies consider selling to the public sector more tedious, risky and costly than selling to other private companies. They find it difficult to be sure of getting any contracts as payment is not always ensured. These circumstances make it difficult for small or medium sized enterprises to prepare tenders.

E-procurement can be described as the use of Web/Internet-based technology to support key elements of the procurement process such as: requisition, sourcing, contracting, ordering, invoicing, payment or specification of requirement. It can also be described as the business-to-business purchase and sale of supplies and services over the Internet. Adding 'G' to the procurement – Electronic Government Procurement (E-GP), makes it a strictly Government to business process (G-to-B).

Implementation of E-GP is therefore expected facilitate the procurement process as a result of automation, simplification & easier information sharing with Government. Introduction of E-GP into the Public Sector is therefore expected to benefit and enable improvement in the Private Sector. At the simplest level, for Service Providers (Suppliers, Contractors and Consultants), E-GP means easier business and improved transparency in dealing with government.

Additional benefits to the private sector will include;

- ⇒ One stop registration and dealing with government through the E-GP portal. This is expected to increase the number of suppliers, contractors and consultants that registers to deal with government.
- ⇒ Constant availability for tendering, the presentation of submissions, written documents and com-

mendations can be performed via telematics registries 24 hours a day.

- ⇒ Minimizes face-to-face contacts with government officials
- ⇒ All the information relating to the procurement process is published on-line on a real time basis.
- ⇒ Greater knowledge of the competition, by virtue of being able to view opening ceremonies over the internet.
- ⇒ Accessing tender advertising.
- ⇒ Reduction of manual work & contract-related papers. Routine administrative processes become simpler after some initial adaptation and training.
- ⇒ Reduced processing time.
- ⇒ Submission of tenders is done online, no need to travel to present bids.
- ⇒ Reduced mail and courier cost.
- ⇒ Inspection and payment through internet, thus no need to visit government offices.
- ⇒ Private sector to benefit from government's computing infrastructural backbone.
- ⇒ High internet penetration for the private sector.
- ⇒ Adoption of new technologies (e-signature, encryption, e-documents)
- ⇒ The chance to market and sell your services to other E-GP customers.
- ⇒ New opportunities for SMEs will be formed such as increased participation in supply chain.

Entire benefits of E-Procurement to the Private Sector cannot be enumerated here. It is expected that the Private Sector will embrace and fully participate in the implementation of E-Procurement in Ghana to realise these and other associated benefits.

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eGP—Implementation Status

Implementation of Electronic Government Procurement – Current Status

The World Bank granted its 'No Objection' in June 2017 for the selection of European Dynamics(ED) of Greece as Application Service Providers for the implementation of Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) in Ghana. Subsequently, a contract was signed with ED in the same month. ED started the implementation process in July, 2017.

European Dynamics submitted its project work plan in July 2017, Submission of project work plan

A three member team from ED held 5 day inception meetings with stakeholders in July 2017. During these meetings ED introduced the propose system to stakeholders. Participants were taken through some functionality of the system such as Registration of Procuring Entities and Suppliers, Annual Procurement Planning, Tender Work-

space Management, Bid Submission, Evaluation and Awarding, Contract Management, e-Catalogues as well e-Auctions.

Currently system and functional requirement specification is ongoing. Integration requirements are being addressed with relevant stakeholders such as the Ghana Revenue Authority, Register General's Department, National Information Technology Agency (NITA), Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) and the Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS).

It is expected that with successful information gathering integration and other requirements, user acceptance test will be conducted to be followed by training of pilot entities.

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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 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 essen-

tials 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 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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Procurement Humour

eGP (Electronic Government Procurement) is a process of using ICT by Governments, specifically the internet platform to acquire Goods, Works and Services at the best value obtainable.
Some of the benefits of eGP are;
" Good Governance
" Efficiency and " Economic Development"



What is eGP? I have heard Ghana is going eGP.

Tendering and Contract Information for periods indicated

[Tendering Opportunities for Sept - Oct 2017](#)

[Contracts Awarded for Jan - Dec 2017](#)

[Restricted Tender Awards Sept- Oct 2017](#)

[Expression of Interest Requests Jan - Feb 2017](#)

The links above will take you directly to the PPA Website Reports for the months of period indicated.



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