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ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

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Transparency International defines the term "Transparency" as a principle that allows those affected by administrative decisions, business transactions or charitable work to know not only the basic facts and figures but also the mechanisms and processes of decision making. Its importance in governance is further echoed by Prof. Robert Klitgaard, (world's leading expert on corruption) who believes that corruption is a crime of calculation that flourishes in a system of governance where there is a high degree of monopoly and discretion with a low demand for accountability and transparency. Hence his famous corruption formula:

Authority + Monopoly – Transparency=Corruption

To stem the tides of rising public perception of corruption in public procurement, the principle of transparency is solidly laid as the bedrock of Ghana's Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663). Its main object is to harmonize the process of public procurement in the country to achieve fairness and transparency. Additionally, the Act prescribes a number of transparency measures in its bid to win public confidence in the process of public procurement. These include:

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Online Activities

List of entities that have submitted their 2017 Procurement Plans online As At October, 2017

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



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| 85. Ghana Geological Survey Authority | 127.Jirapa District Hospital |
| 86. Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO) | 128.Judicial Service |
| 87. Ghana Health Service | 129.Kedjebi |
| 88. Ghana Highway Authority | 130.Keta District Hospital |
| 89. Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) | 131.Ketu North District Assembly |
| 90. Ghana Institute of languages | 132.Ketu South Municipal Hospital |
| 91. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration | 133.Kibi Government Hospital |
| 92. Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communication | 134.Kintampo North Municipal Assembly |
| 93. Ghana Investment Promotion Centre | 135.KNUST Senior High School |
| 94. Ghana Law School | 136.Koforidua General Hospital |
| 95. Ghana Library Board | 137.Koforidua Technical University |
| 96. Ghana Metrological Agency | 138.Komenda Edina Eguafio Abirem Municipal Assembly |
| 97. Ghana National Fire Service | 139.Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital |
| 98. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation | 140.Konongo District Hospital |
| 99. Ghana Police Service | 141.Konongo Odumase Senior High School. |
| 100.Ghana Ports And Harbours Authority | 142.Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital |
| 101.Ghana Post Company Limited | 143.Krachi East District Assembly |
| 102.Ghana Prisons Service | 144.Krachi West District Assembly |
| 103.Ghana Railways Company Limited | 145.Krachi West District Hospital |
| 104.Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd | 146.Kumasi Girls Senior High School. |
| 105.Ghana Revenue Authority | 147.Kumasi High Sch |
| 106.Ghana Road Fund Secretariat | 148.Kumasi south Hospital |
| 107.Ghana Secondary/Tech. | 149.Kumasi Technical Institute |
| 108.Ghana Shippers Authority | 150.Kumasi Technical University |
| 109.Ghana Standards Authority | 151.Kumasi Wesley Girls Senior High School |
| 110.Ghana Statistical Service | 152.Kumbungu District Assembly |
| 111.Ghana Water Company Limited | 153.Kwabre |
| 112.Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence | 154.Kwaebere District Assembly |
| 113.Gomoa East District Assembly | 155.Kwahu Afram Plains North District Health Directorate |
| 114.Gomoa West District Assembly | 156.Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly |
| 115.Grains And Legumes Development Board | 157.Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology (KNUST) |
| 116.Half Assini Senior High School | 158.Labour Department |
| 117.Ho Municipal Assembly | 159.Ladang Kotopon Municipal Assembly |
| 118.Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital | 160.Lawra District Hospital |
| 119.Ho Polyclinic | 161.Lawra Sec Sch |
| 120.Ho Technical University | 162.Mampong Municipal Assembly |
| 121.Holy Family Hospital - Techiman | 163.Management Development And Productivity Institute |
| 122.Holy Child College Of Education | 164.Mankessim Sec/Tech |
| 123.Internal Audit Agency | 165.Margaret Mary High School |
| 124.Jaman North Sub.-Dist. Hospital | 166.Metro Mass Transport Ltd |
| 125.Jasikan District Hospital | 167.Mfantisiman Girls Sec. |
| 126.Jinjini Senior High School | |



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168.Minerals Commission	211.National Vocational Training Institute
169.Ministry for the Interior	212.New Edubiase District Hospital
170.MINISTRY OF AVIATION	213.New Edubiase Senior High School
171.Ministry of Defence	214.Ningo Prampram District Assembly
172.Ministry of Education	215.Nkroful Agric Senior High School
173.Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations	216.Non Formal Education Division
174.MINISTRY OF ENERGY	217.North Tongu District Assembly
175.Ministry of Finance	218.Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo)
176.Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development	219.Nsaba Presby Senior High School
177.Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration	220.Nsawam Government Hospital
178.Ministry of Gender, Children and Social protection	221.Nsutaman Cath. Sec Sch
179.Ministry of Health	222.Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
180.Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development	223.Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana
181.Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources	224.Nyinahin Cath.Sec.
182.MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM	225.Obuasi Government Hospital
183.Ministry of Railways Development	226.Obuasi Municipal Assembly
184.Ministry of Roads and Highways	227.Office of Administrator of Stool Lands
185.Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources	228.Office of President
186.Ministry of Tourism Culture and Creative Arts	229.Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands
187.Ministry of Trade and Industry	230.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region
188.Ministry of Transport	231.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region
189.Ministry of Water Resources, Works And Housing	232.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Greater Accra Region
190.Ministry of Works and Housing	233.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Northern Region
191.Mozano Senior High School	234.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region
192.Mpasatia Senior High Tech. Sch.	235.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western
193.Mpohor District Assembly	236.Opoku Ware Sec.
194.Mpohor Wassa East District Assembly	237.OrellySenior High School.
195.Namong Senior High Technical School	238.Osei Kyeretwie Senior High School
196.Nanumba North (Nanumba)	239.Parliament
197.Narcotics Control Board	240.Peki Government Hospital
198.National Accreditation Board	241.Peki Senior High Technical School
199.National Board for Professional And Technical Ex- aminations	242.Petroleum Commission
200.National Commission for Civic Education	243.Pharmacy Council
201.National Development Planning Commission	244.Potsin T.I. Ahd. Senior High School
202.National Film and Television Institute	245.PPA Demo
203.National Identification Authority	246.Prempeh College
204.National Information Technology Agency (NITA)	247.PresbySenior High School. - Legon
205.National Labour Commission	248.Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly
206.National Lotteries Authority	249.Public Financial Management Reform Project (PFMRP)
207.National Pensions Regulatory Authority	
208.National Petroleum Authority	
209.National Service Secretariat	
210.National Sports College	



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251.PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM SECRETARIAT	285.Tema Development Corporation
252.Public Service Commission	286.Tema Metropolitan Assembly
253.Registrar Generals Department	287.Tepa District Hospital
254.Ridge Hospital	288.Tepa Senior High School
255.S.D.A.Senior High School.	289.Tijjaniya Senior High School Effiduase-Asokore
256.School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital	290.Trauma And Specialist Hospital - Winneba
257.School of Dispensing Optics	291.Tumu District Hospital
258.Securities and Exchange Commission	292.University For Development Studies
259.Sefwi Wiaso Senior High School	293.University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
260.Shama District Assembly	294.University of Energy and Natural Resources
261.SIC Life Company Limited	295.University of Health and Allied Sciences
262.SimmsSenior High School	296.University of Mines and Technology -Tarkwa
263.Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)	297.University of Professional Studies, Accra
264.Sogakope District Hospital	298.Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
265.South Dayi District Assembly	299.Upper Manya District Assembly
266.St. John Bosco College of Education	300.Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council
267.St. Louis College Of Education	301.Uthman Bin Afan Senior High School
268.St. Patricks Nursing and Midwifery Training college	302.Volta Regional Hospital
269.St. Theresas College of Education	303.Volta River Authority
270.St. Theresas Hospital - Nandom	304.Wa General Hospital
271.St. Vincent College of Education	305.Walewale Senior High Technical School
272.Students Loan Trust Fund	306.Wasa Akropong Hospital
273.Suhum Municipal Assembly	307.Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly
274.Sunyani Polytechnic	308.Water Resources Commission
275.T. I. Ahmadiya Senior High School	309.Wenchi Methodist Hospital
276.Tafo District Hospital	310.Wesley College of Education
277.Tain District Hospital	311.West Akim Municipal Assembly
278.Takoradi Technical University	312.Wiawso Tr. College
279.Tamale College of Education	313.Winneba Municipal Hospital
280.Tamale Teaching Hospital	314.Worawora District Hospital
281.Tamale Technical University	315.Yaa Asantewaa GirlsSenior High School
282.Tarkwa District Hospital	316.Yendi District Hospital
283.Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly	317.Yendi Municipal Assembly



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The strict adherence to competition (as a default) in the conduct of public procurement;

The involvement of representatives of tenderers during tender openings;

The disclosure of evaluation criteria prior to the start of tendering processes; as well as

The publication of tender and disposal notices and contract awards.

All these are evidence of Ghana's commitment to entrenching the principles of transparency into its public procurement system.

The Authority is also expected to hold annual Public Forum for consultations on public procurement and other related issues in a bid to encourage stakeholder involvement in the public procurement system. To further boost transparency in the practice of public procurement, the Authority publishes the E-Bulletin on a bi-monthly basis with the aim of disseminating public

procurement information to stakeholders and the general public who so require for their monitoring and greater involvement.

Going forward, the PPA in collaboration with the Ghana e-Transform project is in the process of developing a comprehensive e-Government Procurement System that will make the entire procurement system paperless and devoid of human interfaces in order to enhance transparency and efficiency in the process.

As you flip through the pages of this edition of the e-Bulletin, you hope you will be mindful of that fact that public procurement is about the use of public funds and there more we make the process open the more confidence and trust the public will have in it; as the famous African proverb goes-*"if you are peeling groundnuts for a blindman, you better keep whistling, so that he knows you are not eating it"* and that is transparency!

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Benefits of e-Procurement to Civil Societies

Civil societies play an important 'watchdog' role in any society. In Ghana activities of most Civil Society groups focus on monitoring government activities aimed at ensuring government's deliverables are devoid of waste and corruption. With public procurement estimated at 50-70% of government's expenditure, civil societies play an important role in public procurement by raising awareness aimed at exerting pressure on public officials to use of public resources judiciously.

The main objective of passing the procurement Act (Act. 663) as amended is eliminating corruption in the procurement process, regulating expenditure and also instilling discipline in public finances. Ghana Integrity Initiative, a leading Civil Society group in Ghana, in August, 2007 commenting on the Procurement Act, noted that 'information dissemination is very vital for the success of any policy reform, adding that for Ghana to have a workable procurement system, the procurement law must be reviewed to include portions relating to information dissemination on public procurement'. It can therefore be inferred from this statement that access to information is very vital to the activities of these civil societies.

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) since its inception has made information dissemination a core function to ensure as much information on procurement activities in the country are made available to the public. One medium which the PPA does so is through its website – www.ppaghana.org – where it publishes such information as;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Procurement Opportunities • Tender Notices • Expressions of Interest • Open Tender Contract Awards • Restrictive Tender Contract Awards • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Qualification Notices • User Items Average Price List etc. • Resolved cases from the Appeals and Complaints Committee • Sole Source Awards •
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Introducing an electronic Government Procurement - eGP (online procurement system) will further enhance this information dissemination process. Most developing countries are implementing eGP systems as it provides the medium to make public procurement more transparent. It is expected that introducing eGP in Ghana will serve additional benefits to civil societies, some of which are elaborated below;

Single Window for Public Procurement

Foremost, an eProcurement system will serve as a single platform from which all public procurement will be conducted. It will decrease chances of face-to-face contact between procurement officers and suppliers. This will greatly make the procurement process more transparent. Access to this information by Civil Societies will enable them gather data on procurement processes from one platform for their review, eliminating the need to go round government entities or using newspaper adverts to gather such data.

Data Exchange

An eGP system will also enable data exchange between public entities through digitalization of procurement process.

Monitoring

Ghana's eGP system, will have all information relating to a procurement process such as

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender Notices • Tender Documents • Tender Submission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Tenders • Award details • Contract management etc
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This information will enable civil societies directly monitor the procurement process and make informed decision as to the outcome of the process.



Decrease Procurement Officer's discretion

Additional benefits that an eGP system will give to civil societies, is their ability to continuously monitor the procurement process, even on real-time basis, to ascertain process is devoid of any corrupt tendencies. An eGP system will contribute to this through;

Reduced possibility for corrupt and illegal activities involving abuse of classified information.

Clarify criteria for tender evaluation and disclose evaluation results.

Digitalization of successful tender selection reduces Procurement Officers' discretion at the tender evaluation stage, therefore prevents corruption.

Countries that have benefited from establishing eGP recently are Chile (www.chilecompra.cl) and Ukraine (<https://prozorro.gov.ua/en>). In these countries establishing such a system had made the public procure-

ment more transparent, reduced procurement entity's transaction cost, increased opportunities for feedback and cooperation between procurement practitioners and public agencies, and sharply reduced opportunities for corruption.

In conclusion, sound public procurement policies and practices are essential to good governance. With a number of policies in place for public procurement already, establishing an eGP system will help enhance the practice of public procurement. Civil societies will therefore have an improved avenue for monitoring public procurement, whereby they can determine good governance as a reality, not a perception, as far as public procurement is

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Tendering and contract Information for periods indicated

[Tendering Opportunities for Nov - Dec 2017](#)

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

[Restricted Tender Awards Jan-Dec 2017](#)

[Expression of Interest Requests Nov -Dec 2017](#)

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