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After close to seven years of work towards the implementation of an Electronic Procurement System (e-GP), Ghana has become the first country within the West Africa Sub Region to establish the EGP System.

Vice President praises PPA on establishment of EGP

The Vice President of Ghana, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia has commended the efforts of the Public Procurement Authority for the establishment of an Electronic Procurement System in Ghana.
Welcome to May/June edition of PPA e-Bulletin. This edition is dedicated to celebrate the launch of Ghana’s e-procurement system, GHANEPS. Yes, GHANEPS is launched at last!

Tuesday, 30th April 2019 marked an all-important day for Ghanaians, as far as, saving the public purse is concerned. Ghana’s e-procurement system, GHANEPS, which promises to reduce considerably non-compliant to public procurement processes in Ghana was launched on this day. E-procurement is the procurement of Goods, Works and Services with the use of the Internet, as well as, other information and networking systems, such as electronic data interchange.

GHANEPS promises to minimize the human element in the public procurement procedures in Ghana by automating all such processes. Thus, this initiative will not only improve efficiency but also reduce the cost of transactions to Service providers. It also seeks to strengthen accountability, transparency and effectiveness of Governance.

Ghana is the first country to roll out e-procurement system within the West African sub-region. As pacesetters, we look forward to leading other West African countries to embrace it as well.

This edition gives more details in the activities during the launch, including, photos, speeches, as well as, a feature story on the benefits of EGP around the world.

Enjoy reading this edition.

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The Official Launch was held at the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences Auditorium on Tuesday 30th April, 2019. Some of the key personalities in attendance were the Vice President, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia the Minister of Communications Mrs. Ursula Owusu – Ekuful and the country director of the World Bank, Mr. Henry Kerali among others.

The electronic procurement system named GHANEPS is an acronym which stands for Ghana Electronic Procurement System. Recognizing the transformation and benefits the use of technology offers, PPA initiated the process of introducing an Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) System as part of its reforms in the public procurement sector. The event was well attended by Ministers of State, heads of institutions, representatives of the World Bank and other development partners, associations and bodies, civil society, media and students.

By Marian Oteng
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1. Accra Metropolitan Assembly
2. Accra Polytechnic
3. Ada District Hospital
4. Adidome District Hospital
5. Afadzato south District Assembly
6. Agona West Manucipal Assembly
7. Ahantaman Senior High School
8. Akatsi College of Education
9. Akatsi District Hospital
10. Akatsi North District Assembly
11. Akim Oda Government Hospital
12. Akrofuom District Assembly
13. Akrofuom Senior High Technical School
14. Akuse Government Hospital
15. Akyemansa District Assembly
16. Al-Faruq College Of Education
17. Asamankese Government Hospital
18. Asikuma Odoben Brakwa District Assembly
19. Asokore Mampong Municipal
20. Asonomaso district Hospital
21. Assin North Municipal Assembly
22. Assin South District Assembly
23. Atebubu-Amantin District Assembly
24. Bank of Ghana
25. Begoro Hospital
26. Bibiani/Anhwiaso/Bekwai District Assembly
27. Birim Central Municipal Assembly
28. Birim South District Assembly
29. Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly
30. Bolgatanga Polytechnic
31. Bui Power Authority
32. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation
33. Cape Coast Nursing and Midwifery Training College
34. Central Gonja District Assembly
35. Centre for Plant Medicine Research - Mampong
36. Civil Service Clinic
37. Cocoa Marketing Company (Ghana) Limited
38. Community Health Nurses Training School - Tamale
39. Community Health Nursing Training School - Akim Oda
40. Controller And Accountant General Dept
41. Copyright Administration
42. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
43. Council of State
44. Department Of Urban Roads
45. Dormaa Municipal Assembly
46. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA)
47. Ear Nose And Throat Training School
48. East Akim Municipal Assembly
49. Economic and Organised Crime Office
50. Effiduase District Hospital
51. Ekumfi District Assembly
52. Electoral Commission
53. Energy Commission
54. Environmental Protection Agency
55. Essikadu District Hospital
56. Fair Wages And Salaries Commission
57. Fisheries Commission
58. Foods and Drugs Authority
59. Forestry Commission
60. Ga South Municipal Assembly
61. Gaming Commission of Ghana
62. Ghana Aids Commission
63. Ghana Airports Company Limited
64. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission
65. Ghana Audit Service
| 66. | Ghana Book Development Council |
| 67. | Ghana Broadcasting Corporation |
| 68. | Ghana Civil Aviation Authority |
| 69. | Ghana Cocoa Board |
| 70. | Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division |
| 71. | Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons |
| 72. | Ghana Education Service |
| 73. | Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFUND) |
| 74. | Ghana Export Promotion Authority |
| 75. | Ghana Export Promotion Council |
| 76. | Ghana Geological Survey Authority |
| 77. | Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO) |
| 78. | Ghana Health Service |
| 79. | Ghana Highway Authority |
| 80. | Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) |
| 81. | Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration |
| 82. | Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communication |
| 83. | Ghana Investment Promotion Centre |
| 84. | Ghana Law School |
| 85. | Ghana Library Board |
| 86. | Ghana Maritime Authority |
| 87. | Ghana Metrological Agency |
| 88. | Ghana National Gas Company Limited |
| 89. | Ghana National Petroleum Corporation |
| 90. | Ghana Police Service |
| 91. | Ghana Publishing Company Limited |
| 92. | Ghana Railway Development Authority |
| 93. | Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd |
| 94. | Ghana Revenue Authority |
| 95. | Ghana Shippers Authority |
| 96. | Ghana Standards Authority |
| 97. | Ghana Technology University College |
| 98. | Ghana Tourist Board |
| 99. | Ghana Water Company Limited |
| 100. | Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence |
| 101. | Gomoa West District Assembly |
| 102. | Government Technical Training Centre |
| 103. | Grains And Legumes Development Board |
| 104. | Half Assini District Hospital |
| 105. | Health Facilities Regulatory Agency (HeFRA) |
| 106. | Ho Polyclinic |
| 107. | Ho Technical University |
| 108. | Holy Child College Of Education |
| 109. | Jaman South (Jaman ) District Assembly |
| 110. | Jirapa District Hospital |
| 111. | Judicial Service |
| 112. | Kade Government Hospital |
| 113. | Kedjebi |
| 114. | Keta District Hospital |
| 115. | Ketu South District Assembly |
| 116. | Ketu South Municipal Hospital |
| 117. | Kintampo North Municipal Assembly |
| 118. | Kintampo South District Assembly |
| 119. | Koforidua General Hospital |
| 120. | Koforidua Technical University |
| 121. | Komenda Edina Eguafo Abirem Municipal Assembly |
| 122. | Konongo District Hospital |
| 123. | Konongo OdumaseSenior High School. |
| 124. | Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital |
| 125. | Krachi East District Assembly |
| 126. | Krachi West District Assembly |
| 127. | Krachi West District Hospital |
| 128. | Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly |
| 129. | Kumasi Technical University |
| 130. | Kwaebirem District Assembly |
| 131. | Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly |
| 132. | Kwahu Government Hospital |
| 133. | Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology (KNUST) |
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134. Lambusie-Karni District Assembly
135. Lawra District Hospital
136. Local Government Service Secretariat
137. Maamobi General Hospital
138. Mampong General Hospital
139. Mampong Municipal Assembly
140. Methodist College of Education - Akim Oda
141. Metro Mass Transport Ltd
142. Minerals Commission
143. Minerals Development Fund
144. Ministry for the Interior
145. Ministry of Defence
146. Ministry of Education
147. Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations
148. Ministry of Finance
149. Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development
150. Ministry of Food and Agriculture
151. Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration
152. Ministry of Health
153. Ministry of Information
154. Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development
155. Ministry of Justice And Attorney General
156. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
157. Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation
158. Ministry of Planning
159. Ministry of Railways Development
160. Ministry Of Regional Reorganization and Development
161. Ministry of Roads and Highways
162. Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources
163. Ministry of Special Development Initiative
164. Ministry of Trade and Industry
165. Ministry of Transport
166. Ministry of Works and Housing
167. Ministry Of Youth And Sports
168. Nadowli District Hospital
169. Narcotics Control Board
170. National Accreditation Board
171. National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
172. National Board for Small Scale Industries
173. National Commission for Civic Education
174. National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons
175. National Communication Authority
176. National Development Planning Commission
177. National Film and Television Institute
178. National Health Insurance Authority
179. National Identification Authority
180. National Information Technology Agency (NITA)
181. National Insurance Commission
182. National Lotteries Authority
183. National Pensions Regulatory Authority
184. National Petroleum Authority
185. National Pensions Regulatory Authority
186. National Service Secretariat
187. National Theatre of Ghana
188. National Youth Authority
189. New Edubiase District Hospital
190. New Juaben North Municipal Assembly
191. North Gonja District Assembly
192. North Tongu District Assembly
193. Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo)
194. Nsawam Government Hospital
195. Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
196. Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana
197. Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Twifo Pra-so
198. Nursing Training College - Wa
199. Obuasi Government Hospital
200. Obuasi Municipal Assembly
201. Office of Administrator of Stool Lands
202. Office of President
203. Office of the Head of Civil Service
204. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region
205. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region
206. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Greater Accra Region
207. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region
208. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western
209. Offinso College of Education
210. Peki Government Hospital
211. Pharmacy Council
212. Planning Demo
213. Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly
214. Public Procurement Authority
215. Public Service Commission
216. Public Utilities Regulatory Commission
217. Registrar Generals Department
218. Ridge Hospital
219. S.D.A College of Education - Asokore
220. S.D.A. Senior High School.
221. Salga District Hospital
222. Scholarships Secretariat
223. School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital
224. SDA Nursing and Midwifery Training School
225. Securities and Exchange Commission
226. Sene Dist. Hospital
227. Sene East District Assembly
228. Shama District Assembly
229. Simms Senior High School
230. Sissala East (Sissala) District Assembly
231. Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)
232. Sogakope District Hospital
233. South Dayi District Assembly
234. St. Francis College of Education
235. St. Joseph College Of Education-Bechem
236. St. Monicas College of Education
237. St. Theresas College of Education
238. St. Vincent College of Education
239. Students Loan Trust Fund-SLTF
240. Suaman District Assembly
241. Suhum Municipal Assembly
242. Sunyani General Hospital
243. Sunyani Polytechnic
244. Tain District Hospital
245. Takoradi Technical University
246. Tamale Teaching Hospital
247. Tamale Technical University
248. Tano North District Assembly
249. Tano South District Assembly
250. Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly
251. Tema Development Corporation
252. Tema Shipyard Ltd
253. Tema West Municipal Assembly
254. Tepa District Hospital
255. University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
256. University of Energy and Natural Resources
257. University of Health and Allied Sciences
258. University of Mines and Technology - Tarkwa
259. University of Professional Studies, Accra
260. Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
261. Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council
262. Volta- Regional Coordinating Council
263. Volta Regional Hospital
264. Volta River Authority
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Guest seated in the Auditorium

High Table—Deputy Board Chair, Minister of Communications, Vice President, CEO of PPA and Country Director of the World Bank

Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia and Mr. AB Adjei

Welcome Address by the CEO of PPA—Mr. AB Adjei

Guest Speaker—Mrs. Ursla Ekuful-Owusu Minister of Communications

Guest Speaker—Mr. Henry Karali Country Director of World Bank
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Keynote Address delivered by the Vice President
Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia

Head of ITSS—PPA
Mr. Thomas Bonzi

Board Chairman of PPA
Professor Douglas Boateng

Students of Koforidua Technical University (KTU)

Deputy CEO of PPA—Mr. Kwame Prempeh

Photo Story
Marian Oteng
Commending the Board, Management and Staff of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) as well as the Minister and staff of the Ministry of Communications, Vice President Bawumia said their efforts at tackling procurement fraud would save Ghana many productive man-hours and revenue lost through theft.

“Ghana is indeed entering a new dawn in public procurement. It will soon be a thing of the past where service providers have to travel distances to access tender documents, submit tenders or seek clarifications.

“Use of Tender Boxes will be history. Now your computer is your Tender Box. Civil Societies and for that matter the general public no longer have to go to public entities requesting information on its procurement activities… The e-procurement system is another step aimed at curbing the canker of corruption in our public procurement processes.”

The Vice President on Tuesday 30th April, 2019 launched the Ghana’s Electronic Procurement System dubbed GHANEPS.

*By David Damoah*

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**E-GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT SYSTEM - A TOOL FOR AN EFFICIENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM**

The application of technology to public procurement is on the rise and many Governments have seen the need to embrace technology for the continuous improvement of their procurement systems. These electronic systems known worldwide as Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) are strictly Government to Business process of using ICT, specifically the internet platform by governments in carrying out procurement relationships with Suppliers, for the acquisition of Goods, Works and Services required by public sector (World Bank 2003).

An e-GP System encompasses the use of electronic methods in every stage of procurement from identification of requirements/needs, tendering, award, payments and contract and project management. The key drivers for e-GP include procurement process (transactional), payment, management information and price benefits. These drivers are interdependent, each enabling the other’s delivery. Therefore, the interaction of these drivers is very important.

There are many benefits to a government’s procurement procedures when it adopts an e-Government Procurement System since it seeks to create an effective, efficient and transparent World Class Procurement system driving value for money. Countries as varied as Ukraine, Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Costa Rica, Jordan and other developing countries suffer from ineffectiveness and corruption in the public services sphere and in the
process, billions of dollars are lost to these public procurement inefficiencies. However, with the implementation of e-GP reforms such as e-Bidding/e-Tendering, e-Catalogue Management, e-Contract Management, e-Supplier Performance Management, e-Auction and e-Payment Systems, these losses have been minimized. Notably, nearly 250 billion Hryvnas (more than 10 billion dollars) were spent in Ukraine in 2014 for procurement of goods, services and works for public needs. According to international research, usage of e-Procurement system saves at least 10% of the procurement budget. Applying simple mathematical logarithms, 2.7 million dollars can be saved each day. With the introduction of an e-GP system known as Prozorro in Ukraine it allows for the adherence of Ukraine legislature with European standards, giving Ukraine a transparent procurement procedure thereby bringing Ukraine closer to a World Class standard.

On 1ST February 2016, Prozorro was expanded to include other sectors including sales due to the success seen in the public procurement sector in reducing corruption by 25%. The sales include sale of state properties, municipal properties, small privatized objects, buildings and also sales of materials such as scrap metal, and raw wood. Korea has also recorded significant benefits since its implementation of its e-GP System known as Korean On-line Procurement System (KONEPS). Since its’ inception in the early 2000s, Korea has experienced notable improvements in the administration of its public procurement system. It has brought about an increase in transparency, competition and efficiency in the Korean economy. For example, before the introduction of the e-GP System, government spent over 30 hours validating received tenders and related documents as well as selecting the winning tender. However, with the introduction of the system it now spends less than 30 minutes in carrying out same activities.

Africa has also embraced the concept of Electronic Procurement systems where countries such as Rwanda, Tunisia and Cameroon have recorded significant benefits. Rwanda is the first African country to implement an e-GP system nationally and in a shorter period of time when compared to other countries. With the implementation of its e-GP system known as UMUCYO, there has been notable improvement in the reduction of fraud and corruption as there is no personal contact with tenderers. In addition, complaints received from tenderers are responded to through the system in a transparent manner.

**BENEFITS TO GHANA**

The traditional process of carrying out procurement relationships has a number of challenges that increases cost in resource terms as well as causes delays in the procurement process. These challenges include;

- Repetitive lengthy operations
- Miscommunication between tenderers and buyers
- Human interface at every stage causing delays
- Inefficient records management
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♦ Suppliers selection bias
♦ Collusion among tenderers
♦ Missing tender documents

Ghana’s adoption of an Electronic Government Procurement System therefore opens a window of opportunities for suppliers/contractors/service providers, and entities as well as the economy as a whole. The country can benefit in three main ways:

♦ Increased Transparency
♦ Increased Efficiency
♦ Cost Savings

**Increased Transparency**

⇒ Supports easy access to tender documents and allows for clarifications.
⇒ Disclosure of tendering results and contract details to the general public.
⇒ Interested stakeholders can access various reports due to the standardized data structure of the system.
⇒ Suppliers/Contractors/Service Providers receive prompt feedback regarding their tenders.
⇒ Minimise or eliminate unstructured paper or email exchanges.

**Increased Efficiency**

⇒ Facilitates the management of complicated projects involving a large number of documents, project tasks, projects, and deliverables
⇒ Automates complex workflows and approval procedures.
⇒ Improves procurement lead times.

**Cost Savings**

⇒ Supports decision making regarding price trends and specifications.
⇒ Improves budgeting due to availability of procurement history.
⇒ Improves competition among tenderers.
⇒ Electronic issuing and processing of invoices and payments.

In conclusion Electronic Government Procurement is an updated and real time internet based system for procurement of Goods, Works and Services using public fund. The efforts of government should be appreciated for digitizing the public procurement process in Ghana since it will go a long way to protect the public purse.

*By Edwina Safee Boafo*

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This brief compilation of both print and online headlines show how Ghana embraced the launch of the Electronic Procurement System—GHANEPS

**Friday May 3, 2019 - Daily Graphic**

The country director of the World Bank, Mr. Henry Kerali says Ghana can save more than $100 million, an equivalent of two percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for introducing the e-procurement system.

**Thursday May 2, 2019  
Business & Financial Times (B&FT)**

The Vice President, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, has launched and electronic procurement system that will enhance government procurement processes and is expected to reduce by 90 percent all corruption cases associated with public procurement.

**Wednesday May 1, 2019  
Ghanaian Times**

The Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia has launched an electronic procurement system estimated to save the country $100 million annually through the prevention of corruption and inefficiencies in public procurement.

**Tuesday, 30 April 2019  
Ghanaweb**

Vice president Dr Mahamudu Bawumia on Tuesday April 30, launched a new Electronic Public Procurement portal as part of efforts to fight corruption.
MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Thank you all for honouring our invitation to attend the official launch of Ghana’s Electronic Procurement System “GHANEPS”. Your presence helped make this event a success. We truly appreciate your support.

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