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PPA TO CLAMP DOWN ON ERRANT PROCUREMENT OFFICERS



Mr. Frank Mante - Acting Chief Executive Officer

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of the PPA, Mr Frank Mante, has issued a warning that the Authority would clamp down all Procurement Officers, as well as actors in procurement processes who would not comply with the Public Procurement Act,2003(Act 663) as amended. He made this statement during the 9th annual public forum organized by the Public Procurement Authority on Wednesday, 11 December, 2019. The forum was organised to educate stakeholders, as well as the public on key policies and issues relating to public procurement on the theme "Functional procurement units: a key to a sustainable public procurement system".

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258	Registrar Generals Department	299	Tema Shipyard Ltd	
259	Ridge Hospital	300	Tema West Municipal Assembly	
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265	School of Dispensing Optics	306	University of Health and Allied Sciences	
266	SDA Nursing and Midwifery Training School	307	University of Mines and Technology -Tarkwa	
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270	Sene East District Assembly	311	Volta- Regional Coordinating Council	
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273	SimmsSenior High School	314	Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly	
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He further said that, PPA would embark on a procurement assessment exercise to evaluate Procurement Officers' records (procurement processes) and other actors in the process for the past two years. During the assessment exercise, he said, any Officer who would be found to have contravene the law would face prosecution.



Acting CEO delivering a speech

Mr Mante noted that, the PPA would liaise with the Attorney-General and the Special Prosecutor to sanction the persons who did not comply with the law. "In times past, PPA did not push for people to be prosecuted for infractions of the law. Hence our determination to crack the whip now," he stated.

He stated that the PPA had through the review of applications for both single source or restrictive tendering procedures saved the country GH¢2.75 billion over the past three years.

The office of the Minister of State in-charge of Public Procurement has developed a code of conduct to guide the operations of procurement practitioners in the country. It will serve as the highest ethics and standards code for benchmarking procurement practitioners, suppliers, contractors and service providers in accordance with the public procurement

act, 2003 (act 663).

The Minister of State in-charge of Public Procurement, Ms. Adwoa Safo, made this known in a speech read on her behalf at a forum. Ms. Safo stated that her office was currently working to compile the past and present performance records of all contractors, consultants and suppliers in order to ascertain their performance abilities and their financial capabilities.



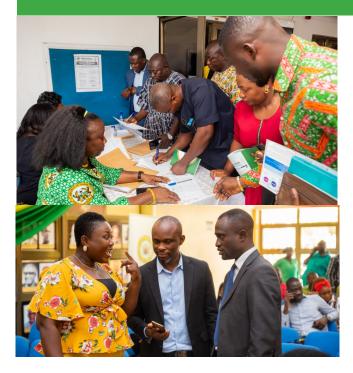
Ms. Safo further noted that the worst performers would be suspended or debarred for a specified period to ensure fairness, accountability, integrity, transparency and value for money.

Mr. Eric Victor Appiah, the Director of Compliance, Monitoring and Evaluation of the PPA, in his presentation said a survey to ascertain whether selected institutions were complying with the Public Procurement Act (Act 663) on the establishment of procurement Units showed that about 85% of the public institutions had Procurement Units.

However, he said, the units had inadequate office space, as well as personnel and resources to work with.

On 11th December 2019, the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) organized it's 9th Annual Public Forum at the Academy of Arts and Sciences, Airport-Accra. In attendance were representatives from the Minister of State in charge of Public Procurement, the Central Tender Review Committee, various heads of Ministries, Municipal and District Assemblies, heads of procurement units as well representatives of civil society organizations. Discussion on the day of the event centered on the theme: *Functional Procurement Unit: Key to Sustainable Public Procurement System*"





Registration and Arrival of Participants



Mr. Frank Mante—Acting CEO of PPA



Mr. Sammuel Nii Baidoo-Vice Board Chairman



Chairperson of the Central Tender Review Committee



Dr. Earnest Boakye—Rep from the Ministry of Procurement



Mr. Kwame Prempeh—Dep CEO of PPA



Mrs Rhoda Appiah—Dep Director (Corporate Affairs)





Mr. Eric Victor Appiah—Director Compliance, Monitoring & Evaluation





Collins Agyemang



Mrs. Hilda Agyeman –Head Human Resource



PPA Staff



A student of Accra Technical University



Freda—Bongo District



Julius—Admin Officer (Accra Phychatric Hospital)



Felix - Pantang Psychiatric Hospital



Mr. Foley—Ministry of Finance

PPA ORGANIZES CONTRACT ADMINSTRATION WORKSHOPS

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has organized two sessions of Contract Administration Workshops for goods and works for procurement practitioners, review committees and personnel of oversight bodies at Crystal Palm Hotels on 25th-28th November, 2019 and 3rd -5th December, 2019. The workshop was targeted at personnel who undertake day to day Contract Management in their respective institutions with skills in Contract Administration.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, the Acting Chief Executive of PPA, Mr. Frank Mantey stated



Mr. Frank Mantey—Acting CEO of PPA

that the training will equip practitioners with the essential skill to help them avoid the unnecessary time and cost overruns that are associated with managing public contracts.

An interview with a participant of the workshop, Mr. William Agbenu, Head of Procurement Unit for the Fisheries Commission revealed that the contract administration workshop will assist him to be a better contract manager, train his subordinates in the procurement department on contract administration and management as well as advise his superior at the managerial level.

Topics treated included Principles of Contracting, Basics of Contract Administration, Forms and Condition of Standard Contract for Goods and Works, the Contract Administration Process, Monitoring Contract Modification, Claims and Settlement of disputes, Termination of Contract, Contract Records Management among others.



Mrs Thermutis T. Zogblah

A procurement officer of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Mrs Thermutis T. Zogblah, indicated satisfaction as she expressed her pleasure in the training. She stated that, by the end of the training, she



Participants

would have better knowledge in the contract administration and management process.

Facilitators at the workshop included Mr. Frank Mante – the Acting CEO of PPA and Mr. Vidal Creppy – Director Capacity Development.

Participants of the Contract Administration workshop included personnel from the private and public sector such as Danadam Pharmaceuticals, Ga North

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Municipal Assembly, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT), Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC), Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC), Ghana Navy etc.

There were also participants from the Western, Volta, Northern and Ashanti Region.



Group Photo with Acting CEO and Staff of PPA

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA), since its establishment, has instituted a number of pragmatic and farreaching initiatives aimed at ensuring maximum returns of the taxpayers' money. These have resulted in notable achievements. In spite of these, the procurement system in Ghana continues to grapple with a number of weaknesses and bottlenecks, including weak procurement capacity in both the Public and Private sectors as well as third- party monitoring organizations.

These challenges can be attributed to the absence of credible arrangements for Contract Administration. As part of the strategies to address the above challenges, the PPA with support from the African Development Bank (AFDB) in 2011, commissioned a consultant to develop detailed Contract Management Manuals for Goods, Works, Consultancy and Technical Services that would guide the training of Procurement Practitioners, Contract Administrators and Service Providers.



Frank Mante is the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA), the Institution responsible for the regulation of public procurement in Ghana.

Prior to joining PPA, Frank work as the Procurement Director at the Millennium Development Authority (MiDA), Ghana, between 2018-2019. He was responsible for all the procurement and contract administration activities for the US\$ 535million MiDA Power Compact, with the support of the Procurement Agent and the Procurement Unit.

Frank also worked with Crown Agents Ghana Limited between 2012-2017 as the Project Procurement Manger, Team Leader and Country Manager during which period, he provided procurement support to DFID, USAID, JSI, AfDB, Ecobank Group and many public institutions in Ghana. Frank has over 22 years' working experience in Ghana, the West African sub-region and the United Kingdom, having worked in different institutions. In addition to procurement, he has a background in banking, marketing/sales and in the field of academia.

Frank holds the following professional and academic qualifications: Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (FCIPS, CIPS-UK), Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) from the Institute for Supply Management (ISM-USA), Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CMILT,CILT-UK), Master of Laws (LLM) in Public Procurement Law and Policy at the School of Law among others.

He is a Family man with two lovely children. You will find his watching a movie or listening to music during his spare time. His Favorite food is Jollof Rice.

Frank is passionate about public procurement reforms especially, in the area of Sustainable Public Procurement from a developing country perspective.

E-PROCUREMENT – PHASE II IN THE OFFING

Following the launch of Ghana's Electronic Procurement System dubbed "GHANEPS" by the Vice President H.E Dr Mahamudu Bawumia on April 30, 2019, the Public Procurement Authority continue to strive in its efforts to digitize the public procurement in the country.



H.E Dr. Bawumia during the launch of GHANEPS

This comes in the wake of Ghana's national agenda to digitize the economy in order to facilitate the delivery of government services, formalize the economy and deal with matters of corruption. This new era of using Information Communication Technology (ICT) for delivery of public service can also be found in other public services such as the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), Registrar General's Department, Judicial Service, and Immigration Service among others. Ghana's Electronic Procurement System forms part of a wider Public Financial Management Reforms (PFMR) Programme.

To date, five (5) entities namely Department of Feeder Roads, Ghana Cocoa Board, Ghana Health Service, Korforidua Technical University and Tema Metropolitan Assembly have been running the system on a pilot test. Statistics of their performance on the system are as follows:

E-PROCUREMENT – PHASE II IN THE OFFING

PPE NAME	# PO*	Users GHAN-	Procurement	Tenders Pub-
	Trained	EPS	Plan Upload-	lished
Department of Feeder Roads	3	25	Yes	3
Ghana Cocoa Board	3	9	No	0
Ghana Health Service	3	1	Yes	2 in progress
Korforidua Technical University	3	15	Yes	2 (draft)
Tema Metropolitan Assembly	3	20	Yes	3

It is with joy that the Authority wishes to announce that beginning December 2019, an additional 20 selected entities are expected to undergo a series of onboarding activities including training and Go-Live on the system.

So far, the implementation has been relatively smooth with the exception of a few challenges which predominantly boarders on change management and the inability of entities to fully embrace the e-Procurement System. A few practitioners and officers are skeptical about the system and its ability to run smoothly whiles Suppliers, Contractors and Consultant are being trained in readiness to use the system. To this end the Authority is embarking on site visits to these entities to interact with them and provide Go-Live Support needed for smooth implementation.

GHANEPS is being supported by the World Bank through the Ministry of Communications under the e-Transform Project. To maximize the benefits of the system, a total of 220 selected entities are expected to Go-Live by December 2020.

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Mr. Thomas Bondzi facilitating a session

The system is legally covered by the Public Procurement Act 2003, (Act 663) as amended, the National Information Technology Act, 2008 (Act 771), the Electronic Transactions Act, 2008 (Act 772 and the Data Protection Act, 2012 (Act 843).

The benefits of the implementation of this system includes, transparency in government procurement, increased access to procurement information and transactions as well as create less opportunities for corruptive, collusive, fraudulent and coherent practices.

Our Letters



⇒ Thumbs up to the Editorial Committee for the publications so far. I gained an interest in procurement issues thanks to this e-Bulletin

Kofi Dazie

Madina

⇒ I am greatly impressed by each month's display of knowledge in procurement issues.

Constance

Haatso

⇒ The topic "Public Procurement Reforms" was very well tackled in the November-December, 2019 edition

Maxwell

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