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THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY IN DRIVING THE PRIVATE SECTOR



The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) is established by the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as a regulatory body responsible for the effective implementation of the Public Procurement Law in Ghana. The Authority seeks to ensure fairness, transparency and non-discrimination in public procurement in order to promote a competitive local industry and increase the confidence of varied stakeholders in public procurement processes in the country and beyond.

The Mission of the Authority is to harmonize the process of procurement in the public service to secure a judicious, economic, and efficient use of public funds to ensure that public procurement is carried out in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner while promoting a competitive Local Industry.

Public procurement refers to the purchase by governments and state-owned enterprises of goods, services and works.

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142	Ghana Aids Commission	208	Institute Of Journalism
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145	Ghana Book Development Council	211	Internal Audit Agency
146	Ghana Broadcasting Corporation	212	Jaman North District Assembly
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148	Ghana Colleg Of Pharmacists	214	Jasikan District Hospital
149	Ghana College Of Nurses And Midwifery	215	Jasikan Municipal Assembly
150	Ghana College Of Physicians And Surgeons	216	Juaben Municipal Assembly
151	Ghana Commodity Exchange	217	Judicial Service
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158	Ghana Export Promotion Authority	224	Ketu South Municipal Assembly
159	Ghana Free Zones Authority	225	Ketu South Municipal Hospital
160	Ghana Geological Survey Authority	226	Kibi Government Hospital
161	Ghana Grid Company Limited	227	Koforidua Technical University
162	Ghana Grid Company Ltd.	228	Koforidua Training Centre
163	Ghana Health Service - Hq	229	Komenda Edina Eguafu Abrem Municipal Assembly
164	Ghana Highway Authority	230	Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
165	Ghana Immigration Service	231	Konongo Odumase Government Hospital
166	Ghana Institute Of Languages	232	Korle Klottey Municipal Assembly
167	Ghana Institute Of Management And Public Administration	233	Kpandai District Assembly
168	Ghana Integrated Aluminium Development Corporation	234	Kpando Municipal Assembly
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180	Ghana Scholarships Secretariat	246	Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology
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185	Ghana Tourism Authority	251	Law Reform Commission
186	Ghana Tvet Service	252	Ledzokuku Municipal Assembly Hospital
187	Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre Of Excellence In Ict	253	Lower Manya Krobo Municipal Assembly
188	Goaso Municipal Hospital	254	Mampong Government Hospital
189	Gomoa East District Assembly	255	Management Development And Productivity Institute
190	Gomoa West District Assembly	256	Management Services Department
191	Government Secretarial School	257	Maternal And Child Health Hospital
192	Grains And Legumes Development Board	258	Mccoys College Of Education
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269	Ministry Of Employment And Labour Relations	335	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Asankrangwa
270	Ministry Of Energy	336	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Bole
271	Ministry Of Environment Science Technology And Innovation	337	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Cape Coast
272	Ministry Of Finance	338	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Dunkwa-On-Offin
273	Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development	339	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Fomena
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275	Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration	341	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Kete-Krachi
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283	Ministry Of Sanitation And Water Resources	349	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Twifo Praso
284	Ministry Of The Interior	350	Nursing And Midwifery Training College Zuarungu
285	Ministry Of Tourism Arts And Culture	351	Nursing And Midwifery Training School-Goaso
286	Ministry Of Trade And Industry	352	Nursing Training College Sampa
287	Ministry Of Transport	353	Nursing Training College Sefwi Wiawso
288	Ministry Of Youth And Sports	354	Nursing Training College Wa
289	Mother And Child Hospital Kasoa	355	Nusrat Jahan Ahmadiyya College Of Education
290	Mount Mary College Of Education	356	Obuasi Municipal Assembly
291	Nandom Municipal Assembly	357	Oda Government Hospital
292	Nanumba North Municipal Assembly	358	Office Of The Administrator-General
293	Nanumba South District Assembly	359	Office Of The Attorney-General And Ministry Of Justice
294	Narcotics Control Commission	360	Office Of The Head Of Civil Service
295	National Commission For Civic Education	361	Office Of The Head Of The Local Government Services
296	National Commission On Small Arms And Light Weapons	362	Office Of The Registrar Of Companies
297	National Communications Authority	363	Offinso College Of Education
298	National Council For Curriculum And Assessment	364	Oforikrom Municipal Assembly
299	National Development Planning Commission	365	Okere District Assembly
300	National Disaster Management Organization	366	Old Tafo Municipal Assembly
301	National Health Insurance Authority	367	Oti Regional Health Directorate
302	National Identification Authority	368	Parliamentary Service
303	National Information Technology Agency	369	Peki College Of Education
304	National Insurance Commission	370	Peki Government Hospital
305	National Labour Commission	371	Petroleum Commission
306	National Lottery Authority	372	Pharmacy Council
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320	Nkoranza South Municipal Assembly	386	Public Interest And Accountability Committee
321	Nkwanta North District Assembly	387	Public Procurement Authority
322	Nkwanta South Municipal Hospital	388	Public Records And Archives Administration Department
323	North Dayi District Assembly	389	Public Sector Reform Sec
324	North East Regional Coordinating Council	390	Public Services Commission
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326	Northern Electricity Distribution Company Limited	392	Public Works Department Hq
327	Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipal Assembly	393	Quality Control Company Limited
328	Nsawam Government Hospital	394	Regional Health Directorate Ghana Health Service
329	Nuclear Regulatory Authority	395	Regional Health Directorate Tamale
330	Nurses And Midwives Training College - Tamale	396	Regional Hospital Bolgatanga
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402	Savannah Regional Coordinating Council	467	University Of Health And Allied Sciences
403	Savelugu Municipal Hospital	468	University Of Media Arts And Communication
404	School Of Anaesthesia And Critical Care Ridge	469	University Of Mines And Technology
405	Sda College Of Education-Asokore Koforidua	470	University Of Professional Studies Accra
406	Sda Nursing And Midwifery Training College	471	Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
407	Securities And Exchange Commission	472	Upper Denkyira West District Assmebly
408	Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly	473	Upper East Regional Health Directorate-Bolgatanga
409	Sefwi Wiawso Municipal Assembly	474	Upper Manya Krobo District Assembly
410	Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly	475	Upper West Akim District Assembly
411	Sekyere East District Assembly	476	Ussher Hospital
412	Sekyere South District Assembly	477	Volta Regional Coordinating Council
413	Sene East District Assembly	478	Volta Regional Health Directorate
414	Sene West District Hospital	479	Volta Regional Hospital
415	Shai-Osudoku District Hospital	480	Volta River Authority
416	Shama District Assembly	481	Wa Municipal Assembly
417	Simon Diedong Dombo University Of Business And Integrated Development Studies	482	Wassa Amenfi Central District Assembly
418	Sissala East Municipal Assembly	483	Water Resources Commission
419	Social Security And National Insurance Trust	484	Weija-Gbawe Municipal Assembly
420	Sogakope Hospital	485	Weija-Gbawe Municipal Hospital
421	South Dayi District Assembly	486	Wesley College Of Education
422	South Tongu District Assembly	487	West Akim Municipal Assembly
423	St. Ambrose College Of Education	488	West Gonja District Assembly
424	St. Francis College Of Education	489	Western Regional Coordinating Council
425	St. Joseph Hospital Jirapa	490	Winneba Municipal Hospital
426	St. Monica's College Of Education	491	Worawora Government Hospital
427	St. Patrick's Nursing And Midwifery Training School	492	Yendi Municipal Assembly
428	St. Teresa's College Of Education	493	Yilo Krobo Municipal Assembly
429	St. Theresa's Hospital-Nandom	494	Zabzugu District Assembly
430	St. Vincent Colleg Of Education		
431	State Interests And Governance Authority		
432	State Intrests And Governance Authority		
433	Students Loan Trust Fund		
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435	Suame Municipal Assembly		
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452	Tema General Hospital		
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454	Tema West Municipal Assembly		
455	Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital		
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457	Trauma And Specialist Hospital		
458	Tree Crop Development Authority		
459	University Energy And Natural Resources Sunyani		
460	University For Development Studies		
461	University Of Cape Coast		
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Hello readers! Welcome to the May/June 2024 Edition. The theme for this edition is ***Public Procurement Driving the Private Sector***. In this edition, we will discuss the role of the Public Procurement Authority in driving Private Sector growth, delving into some initiatives that the Authority has employed over the years. We will also share inspiring success stories from key industry players who have experienced significant growth due to the role of Public Procurement in their operations.

Globally, the Government is the largest buyer and has the power to drive demand and stimulate economic growth and development in any thriving economy. Public Procurement is vital in an economy since it shapes a nation's GDP and serves as a catalyst for private sector growth.

Ghana is no exception, with Public Procurement accounting for around 24 per cent of total imports into the country and 50 to 70 per cent of the national budget, contributing about 14 per cent to Ghana's GDP. The establishment of the Public Procurement Authority in 2004 (backed by an Act of Parliament) and the continuous implementation of amendments of Public Procurement laws, rules and regulations, policies, and guidelines (that inure to the benefits of both the public and private sectors), is a testament to the unwavering commitment of successive governments in propelling economic growth. This commitment ensures that the private sector's contribution to economic growth and development is neither overlooked nor underestimated.

However, some questions remain to be answered: Has the private sector's confidence and participation in public procurement improved over the years? Have their business operations expanded? Are they substantially and

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commercially responsive to participate in competitive tendering?

Section 3(t) of the Public Procurement Act (as amended) is a clear mandate for the Authority to assist the local business community to become competitive and efficient suppliers to the public sector. This commitment to inclusivity and fairness in the procurement process is a cornerstone of our economic growth strategy. Having a strong public procurement system in place is crucial in driving private sector growth. By prioritizing open competitive procurement methods locally through all government agencies (who are largely required to procure goods, works and services locally) and continuously building the capacities of procuring entities (who are the purchasers, clients and employers) and the local business community (to be responsive in public tendering), Government sets itself on the path of building a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive socio-economic growth.

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Establishment of the Public Procurement Authority

Government in 1996, embarked on an exercise to reform the Public Procurement System as an integral part of a wider Public Financial Management Reform Programme (PUFMARP). The exercise was to improve the overall public financial management in the country. The reform exercise identified shortcoming and organizational weaknesses inherent in the country's procurement system. These include the absence of a comprehensive public procurement policy and the lack of a comprehensive legal regime to safeguard the integrity of the public procurement system. Others are the absence of a central body with the requisite capability, technical expertise and competence to develop a coherent public procurement policy.

Rules and regulations were required to guide, direct, train as well as adequately monitor public procurement. Furthermore, the absence of clearly defined roles and responsibilities of individual procurement entities was a problem. There were no independent appeals process with power to address complaints from aggrieved tenderers and provide corrective remedies. The lack of a clearly defined authority to allow procurement entities to undertake the procurement of goods, works and services with funds appropriated to them weakened the system and also needed to be addressed. In order to eliminate the various shortcomings and organizational weaknesses in the public procurement process, it was considered desirable to enact a comprehensive procurement law. This was to be supported with standard tender documents. Appropriate administrative and institutional arrangements were to be made with an oversight body to superintend the public procurement system.

The bill provided a comprehensive public procurement system and established the then Public Procurement Board (now The Public Procurement Authority).

Functions of the Public Procurement Authority

The PPA has many functions as stipulated in section 3 of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as amended, which includes the following:

- Make proposals for the formulation of policies on procurement.
- Ensure policy implementation and human resource development for public procurement.
- Develop rules, instructions, other regulatory documentation on public procurement and formats for public

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procurement documentation.

- Monitor and supervise public procurement and ensure compliance with statutory requirements.
 - Have the right to obtain information concerning public procurement from contracting authorities.
 - Establish and implement an information system relating to public procurement.
- Publish by the end of each month a public procurement Bulletin which shall contain information germane to public procurement, including proposed procurement notices of invitation to tender and contract award information.
 - Assess the operations of the public procurement process and submit proposals to the Board for improvement of the processes.
 - Present annual reports to the Minister on the procurement processes.
 - Facilitate the training of public officials involved in public procurement at various levels.
 - Develop, promote and support training and professional development of persons engaged in public procurement, and ensure adherence by the trained persons to ethical standards.
 - Advise Government including Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies on issues relating to public procurement.
 - Organize and participate in the complaints and administrative review procedures.
 - Plan and co-ordinate technical assistance in the field of public procurement.
 - Maintain a register of procurement entities and members of and secretaries to tender committees of public procurement entities.
 - Maintain a data base of suppliers, contractors and consultants and a record of prices to assist in the work of procurement entities.

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The Role of the Public Procurement Authority

Section 3 (j) & (k) of the Public Procurement Act, 2003, Act 663 as amended, requires the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) to provide training and build the capacity of public officers involved in public procurement at all levels in the public entities. In furtherance to this objective, the Authority has various training programmes outlined year on year to train procurement officers, suppliers, contractors, service providers and all stakeholders on various procurement activities such as contract administration, tender opening and evaluation, and the conduct of procurement in accordance with the Act 663 as amended. The Authority held about Five training sessions in different regions across the country in the first quarter of this year 2024 alone.



The PPA in 2020, introduced the Ghana Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS), in compliance with section 3 (f) of Act 663 as amended which mandates the PPA to establish and implement an information system relating to public procurement. GHANEPS is a web-based, collaborative system, developed in accordance with the requirement of public procurement laws, to facilitate public procurement processes in Ghana. It offers a secure, interactive,

dynamic environment for carrying out procurement of all categories, complexity or value.

Following the launch of the System by the Vice President H.E Dr Mahamudu Bawumia on April 30, 2019, the Public Procurement Authority continues to strive in its efforts to digitize the public procurement processes in the country.

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.

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The PPA to achieve its goal in section 3(t) of Act 663 as amended which mandates the Authority to assist the local business community to become competitive and effective in the public procurement system, has put in place a strategy to propel the wheels of the private sector to promote effective, responsible, and accountable state machinery with improved capacity to engage the productive private sector and civil society in formulating policies and strategies for accelerated growth and poverty reduction. PPA in fulfilling this has trained several Suppliers, Contractors and Service Providers over the years to understand the public procurement system and their role in achieving an excellent system in Ghana. With the introduction of GHANEPS, the Private Sector have been engaged since the pilot phase several of them are using the system. The use of GHANEPS has seen an increase in competition and enhanced confidence in the private sector to participate in public procurement. This is evident in the increased rate of Private sector participation in public procurement activities in Ghana.



Section 3 (c) of Act 663 as amended requires the PPA to develop rules, instructions and other regulatory documentation on public procurement and formats for public procurement documentation. In furtherance to that, the Regulations was passed in 2022 to supplement the Act 663 as amended. In addition, the Standard Tender Documents were also amended to reflect the amendment

to the Act 663. The PPA has made available to procurement officials these standard tender documents for Goods, Works and Services for all the methods of Procurement. These documents are aimed at standardizing procurement documentation and reporting.

The Public Procurement Act of 2003 (Act 663) as amended 2016, under section 3 (p) stipulates that the PPA maintains a data base of suppliers, contractors and consultants and a record of prices to assist in the work of procurement entities. Indeed, the PPA has established a Supplier Registration Portal to serve as a Supplier Database which maintains data on both local and foreign Suppliers, Contractors and Consultants who intends to contract with State Owned Entities. The Supplier Registration Portal allocates a unique number to each Supplier and has among other details, the registration certificates of the Business, statutory requisite documents such as SSNIT and Tax Clearance Certificates, the principal activities of the Companies, the details of the Management of

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the Company as well as the physical location of the Company. The Supplier Portal is to ensure that procurement Entities get access to a pool of qualified and competent Suppliers, Contractors or Consultants for consideration for various procurement activities.

The PPA bi-monthly publishes procurement e-Bulletin containing information germane to public procurement, as well as notices of invitation to tender and contract award information, which can be found on PPA's website and accessible by the general public. This is in adherence to section 3 (g) of Act 663 which states that the PPA must Publish by the end of each month a public procurement Bulletin which shall contain information germane to public procurement, including proposed procurement notices of invitation to tender and contract award information. To with, Dear reader, we have the pleasure of serving you with our bulletin for this month in fulfilment of our mandate.

Section 3 (d) of Act 633 as amended, mandates the PPA to monitor and supervise public procurement and ensure compliance with statutory requirements. As explicitly stated in Section 3(h) of the Act 663 as amended, The PPA engages in an annual assessment exercise of all public procurement Entities to ensure that the procurement activities undertaken by procurement officials are in compliance with the provisions of Act 663 as well as ensuring that the public officials are conducting procurement activities in transparent, free and fair manner for the achievement of Value for Money. The outcome of the assessment exercise informs policy formulation to improve the procurement system in the country. Procurement Assessment is not an investigative process, but rather a platform to identify the strength and weaknesses of Entities. Where weaknesses are identified, recommendations are proposed to better the procurement system of the particular entity. The PPA this year is embarking on assessing 800 public Entities across the country from June 2024.

One notable role of the PPA which has seized attention lately is the mandate of the PPA to review Single Source and Restricted Tendering Requests from Procurement Entities and where appropriate grant approval to same. Section 38 of Act 663 as amended stipulates that a procurement entity for reasons of economy and efficiency and subject to the approval by the Board may engage in procurement by means of a Restricted Tendering. (Restricted Tendering is a procurement method that limits the number of suppliers, contractors, or service providers that can submit tenders for a project. The buyer chooses a selected group of suppliers that they consider suitable for the

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work, and then invites them to submit tenders. This method is often used when the buyer wants complex or specialist services, or when evaluating a large number of bids would be disproportionate to the value of the project.) Section 40 of Act 663 as amended stipulates that a procurement Entity may engage in single source procurement with the approval of the PPA Board in laid down circumstances defined therein.

The role of PPA in granting Single Source and Restricted Tendering (SSRT) approvals cannot be overemphasized. The Board of the PPA ensures that Due Diligence is carried out on SSRT requests from procurement entities to ensure that the Suppliers, Contractors or Consultants intended to be engaged have the capacity and capability both financially and technically to undertake the procurement activity as well as compliance to regulatory requirements, to ensure the achievement of Value for Money and safeguard the national purse.

CONCLUSION

The existence of the Public Procurement Authority has undoubtedly fostered tremendous improvement in public sector procurement. The Authority has proved beyond doubts its commitment to harmonize the process of procurement in the public service to secure judicious, economic, and efficient use of public funds to ensure that public procurement is carried out in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner while promoting a competitive Local Industry.

With the role of the PPA outlined above, it is important to emphasize the fact that the PPA does not award contracts to Suppliers, Contractors or Consultants as misconceived by the populace, but rather the PPA is a regulatory body that regulates the “Contract Awarding Institutions” i.e. the public procurement entities in the discharge of their procurement functions.

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