

Reform of e – procurement systems in the context of GPA obligations: the experience of Armenia

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Strategic reasons for introducing e - procurement

- E - procurement results in significant savings, both in terms of time and money
- Need to have a synergy within the public sector – public procurement function is only a part of a picture
- Global trend: e- procurement is already used and is developing in many jurisdictions around the globe

Legal considerations

- Armenia is a member of WTO GPA and has ratified the revised version.
- Revised WTO GPA encourages use of e – procurement
- Conditions that must be followed when using e – procurement are prescribed
- Requirements for publications regarding single point of access



Legal considerations (cont)

- Armenia is a member of Eurasian Economic Union Treaty (EEUT) since January 2 2015.
- EEUT provides for a list of procurement methods. Two of them - electronic auction and open procedure – must be carried out in electronic manner.
- EEUT Member Countries should also strive to carry other procurement procedures in electronic manner



E – procurement in Armenia: existing situation

- Armenia's e – procurement platform is ARMEPS (www.armeps.am)
- Currently, Armenia's e – procurement system relates to electronic tendering, i.e.:
 - Electronic publication of tender notices;
 - Electronic availability of tender documents;
 - Electronic submission of bids;
 - Electronic publication of tender outcome notices.

E – procurement reform: further steps

- Supply of existing ARMEPS system with modules for:
 - **procurement planing;**
 - **contract management;**
 - **reporting**
- These modules will be integrated with the budgeting and treasury systems of Armenia's Ministry of Finance
- Mentioned modules are curently being elaborated

Procurement planning module

- Procurement planning subsystem will provide following information:
 - visualization of procurement plans;
 - subjects of procurement along with CPV codes within a procurement plan are displayed in logical groups by: expenditure programs, articles of economic classification, and types of procurement subject. In the meanwhile:
 - contracting authorities will have access to their own procurement plans; Ministry of Finance will have access to all procurement plans;
 - Functionality for amending the procurement plan will be introduced;
 - Functionality for Ministry of Finance staff to review proposed changes to procurement plan will be introduced.



Contract management module

- Contract management system gathers and reflects data about procurement contract performance.
- Dynamic data transfer to the systems of Ministry of Finance will be ensured.
- Important functions:
 - Managing and monitoring key contract information;
 - Entering the results of contract performance (contracting authority enters contract performance related documents such as delivery acceptance protocols, invoices, statements on performed payments by treasury accounts et.c.)



Reporting module

- The reporting functionality will be based on the databases containing all information on e – procurement transaction (contracting authority and officer, subject matter of the contract, procurement method, procurement history, contract fulfillment et.c.)
- Function of report generation will be closely related to the function of advanced search
- Each user will enjoy a search function dependant of functional boundaries of that user



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Single point of access

About Public Procurement		e Procurement system		
Public Procurement Legislation		Announcements & Publications		
Training Center		Procurement Plans		
Whitelist	Blacklist	FAQ	eLibrary	Hotline
Appeal board		Procurement reports and monitoring		
Welcome and how to use				



Changes regarding e - auction

- Existing PPL provisions regarding e – auction will be amended in order to make the PPL compliant with Eurasian Economic Union Treaty, whilst retaining full compliance with the GPA



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