EDITORIAL

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life." and Ghana’s public procurement system is no exception. After over a decade of implementation of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663), a number of changes have been introduced with the enactment of the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act 914).

As part of sensitization on these new provisions, the Authority has begun a series in this bulletin, with a view to deliberate on specific issues of critical importance that pertains to the procurement structures and processes such as the new roles and responsibilities of Entity Tender Committees, Procurement Units as discussed in the previous edition, the regulatory body –PPA, the Appeals and Complaints Panel, the appointment of a Contract Manager etc.

Thus, for this edition, we take a critical look at the rational for the re-categorization of procurement entities, the justification for the dissolution of District and Ministerial Tender Review Boards and the restructuring of the Entity Tender Committees and the revised modalities of the Central and Regional Tender Review Committees. We therefore call on all stakeholders –procurement entities, procurement practitioners, civil society organisations and the private sector to apprise themselves with the new provisions in the Public Procurement Act as amended and adjust their operations to suit requirements in order to yield a greater good in our wider public financial management reform process. After all, a change in the rhythm of the drum beat must cause a change in the dance steps!

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Online Activities

List of entities that have submitted their 2017 Procurement Plans Online As At February 28, 2017

1. Accra Technical University
2. Achinakrom Senior High School
3. Adansi North District Assembly
4. Adidome District Hospital
5. Agona West Municipal Assembly
6. Ahantaman Senior High School
7. Ajumako/Enyan/Esiam District Assembly
8. Akatsi District Hospital
9. Akatsi College of Education
10. Akim Oda Government Hospital
11. Akuse Government Hospital
12. Akwapim North Municipal Assembly
13. Asare Bediako Senior High School
14. Atebubu-Amantin District Hospital
15. Bank of Ghana
16. Bekwai District Hospital
17. Bia East District Assembly
18. Bolgatanga Polytechnic
19. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation
20. Centre for Scientific Research Into Plant Medicine
21. Community Health Nurses Training School - Tamale
22. Controller And Accountant General Department
23. Copyright Administration
24. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
25. Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
26. Dambai College of Education
27. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority
28. East Akim Municipal Assembly
29. Ejisu Juaben Municipal Assembly
30. Energy Commission
31. Environmental Protection Agency
32. Fanteakwa District Assembly
33. Foods and Drugs Board
34. Forestry Commission
35. Ghana Academy of Arts And Sciences
36. Ghana Aids Commission
37. Ghana Airports Company Limited
38. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission
39. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation
40. Ghana Civil Aviation Authority
41. Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
42. Ghana Grid Company Ltd.
43. Ghana Health Service
44. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration
45. Ghana Investment Fund For Electronic Communications
46. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
47. Ghana Police Service
48. Ghana Ports And Harbours Authority
49. Ghana Prisons Service
50. Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd
51. Ghana Revenue Authority
52. Ghana School of Law
53. Ghana Shippers Authority
54. Ghana Standards Authority
55. Ghana Water Company Limited
56. Gomoa East District Assembly
57. Gomoa West District Assembly
58. Grains And Legumes Development Board
59. Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital
60. Ho Polyclinic
61. Ho Technical University
62. Jasikan District Hospital
63. Jirapa District Hospital
64. Kedjebi District Assembly
65. Ketu South Municipal Hospital
66. Kibi Government Hospital
67. Koforidua General Hospital
68. Koforidua Technical University
69. Komenda/Edina/Eguafo/Abirem Municipal Assembly
70. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
71. Konongo Odumase Senior High School
72. Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
73. Krachi East District Assembly
74. Krachi West District Assembly
75. Krachi West District Hospital
76. Kumasi Technical University
77. Kwabre District Assembly
78. Kwaebibirem District Assembly
79. Kwahu Afram Plains North District Health Directorate
80. La Dade-Kotopon Municipal Assembly
81. Lawra District Hospital
82. Lawra Senior High School
83. Management Development And Productivity Institute
84. Minerals Commission
85. Ministry Of Defence
86. Ministry Of Employment and Labour Relations
87. Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
88. Ministry of Health
89. Ministry Of Lands And Natural Resources
90. Ministry Of Roads And Highways
91. Ministry Of Trade, Industry, Private Sector And PSI
92. Mpasatia Senior High Technical School
93. Mpohor District Assembly
94. Mpohor Wassa East District Assembly
95. Nanumba North (Nanumba) District Assembly
96. National Accreditation Board
97. National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
98. National Commission For Civic Education
99. National Development Planning Commission
100. National Identification Authority
101. National Information Technology Agency
102. National Lottery Authority
103. National Pensions Regulatory Authority
104. National Petroleum Authority
105. National Sports College
106. National Vocational Training Institute
107. New Edubiase District Hospital
108. North Tongu District Assembly
109. Northern Electricity Distribution Company
110. Nsawam Government Hospital
111. Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
112. Obuasi Municipal Assembly
113. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT - MAIN
114. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Northern Region
115. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region
116. Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western
117. Opoku Ware Senior High School
118. Peki Government Hospital
119. Presby Senior High School. - Legon
120. Prestea-Huni Valley District Assembly
121. Public Procurement Authority
122. Registrar Generals Department
123. Accra Regional Hospital (Ridge Hospital)
124. School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital
125. Securities and Exchange Commission
126. Sefwi Wiawso Senior High School
127. Shama District Assembly
128. SIC Life Company Limited
129. Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)
130. Sogakope District Hospital
131. South Dayi District Assembly
132. St. Francis College of Education
133. St. Monica Training College
134. St. Theresa's Hospital - Nandom
135. Suhum Municipal Assembly
136. Sunyani Polytechnic
137. Tamale Technical University
138. Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly
139. Techiman North District Assembly
140. Tema Development Corporation
141. Tema Metropolitan Assembly
142. Tepa District Hospital
143. Tepa Senior High School
144. Trauma And Specialist Hospital - Winneba
145. University For Development Studies
146. University Of Cape Coast (UCC)
147. University of Mines and Technology - Tarkwa
148. University of Professional Studies Accra
149. University Of Science And Technology (KNUST)
150. Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
151. Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council
152. Volta Regional Hospital
153. Volta River Authority
154. Wa General Hospital
155. Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly
156. Wenchi Methodist Hospital
157. West Akim Municipal Assembly
158. Yendi District Hospital
District & Ministerial Tender Review
Boards Abolished

The enactment of the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act 914) on 11th May, 2016 brought with it a whole new wave of change in the public procurement landscape of Ghana. This wind of change carried away with it some old ways of doing public procurement. Notably among them is the total abolition of certain structures in the procurement system like the District & Ministerial Tender Review Boards.

The justification for this abolition are four fold. Firstly, on account of the fact that membership composition of Entity Tender Committees (ETCs) have been strengthened with personnel from within the individual institutions and experts from professional bodies, it is expected that ETCs will now have their full complement of competent personnel to guide procurement decision-making processes.

Secondly, with increased thresholds for approving authorities and methods of procurement under the First to Fifth Schedule of Act 914, a Head of Entity in category A & B (which includes Central Management Agencies and State Owned Enterprises) for instance, now can approve procurement with a value of up to GHC 100,000 without recourse to its ETC or any Review Body. This means that a lot of procurements are likely to be conducted in an expedited manner with minimum bureaucratic interferences.

Thirdly, considering the high level of risks associated with these increased thresholds, the abolition of DTRBs and MTRBs ostensibly seeks to strengthen the audit function performed by the Internal Audit and External Auditors. It is now expected that Auditors will play their role more effectively to safeguard the public purse by ensuring discipline in public expenditure. Additionally, with the passage of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) which is expected to regulate and provide a fiscal framework for the public financial management, stronger punitive measures will be proffered against public office holders who will be found foul of the law.

Finally, as the Government considers an amendment to the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 (Act 29) to the extent of even making corruption a felony, it behoves on all public officers especially those with public procurement responsibilities such as Heads of Entities, Members of ETCs, Staff of Procurement Units and other Oversight Institutions to ensure strict adherence to the law devoid of corruption in the discharge of their duties.

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC CAUTION- GOVERNMENT OF GHANA CONTRACT AWARDS

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) wishes to bring to the attention of all High Commission and Embassies of the operations of some unscrupulous persons under the guise of:

- The Tender Board, Office of the Presidency, Republic of Ghana – www.tenderboard-gh.org
- Ghana Procurement Service – www.ghanapurchaservices.com
- Ghana Tender Board- www.tenderboard-gh.org
- Public Procurement Authority- www.ppaghan.org

Their modus operandi include:
- Purporting to have been set up by the Government of Ghana, to provide off-site procurement outsourcing solutions, and awarding contracts on behalf of the Government of Ghana.
- Approaching innocent service providers with procurement proposals and false contract awards in a bid to lure them into suspicious deals.
- Requesting for deposits payments and samples of products

We are by this notice alerting you of their dealings and advising that no purported contract awards from such organizations should be entertained. Please be advised that Contracts in Ghana are awarded only after an exhaustive tendering process in which the awardees are expected to have participated. Such Tender notices are also put out by the individual Entities and not a Central Agency on behalf of Ghana Government.

Thus, members of the General Public are hereby cautioned to be wary of such scams and disregard any correspondence ostensibly coming from the above-listed institutions. Anyone who deals with them does so at their own risk.

The PPA is a creation of the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) mandated to regulate, assess and ensure full compliance by entities to all the provisions of the Act. It does not undertake procurement on behalf of entities but rather seeks to build their capacities to enable effective implementation of the Act.

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The amendment of the Public Procurement Act, Act 2003 (Act 663) was informed by a number of factors and observations. One of these observations was low thresholds. This particularly made it difficult for state owned enterprises which are commercially oriented to compete in a private sector environment.

Low thresholds for high spending public institutions such as the Bank of Ghana, the Central Management Agencies, Ministries, Department and Agencies as well as for the Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies also made it necessary for Act 663 to reviewed.

The review of Act 663 therefore led to the re-categorization of entities based on their functions and spending levels (High Spend, Medium and Low spend).

Entities were therefore categorized as below:

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