Various definitions have been given to the term good governance. The World Bank, for instance has described it as “the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country’s economic and social resources for development”. According to the United Nations, its essential characteristics include Transparency, Accountability, Effectiveness, Efficiency and Rule of law.

Considering the fact that public procurement constitutes one of the prime business activities of every government, any effort at automating the process using ICT applications (in the form of e-government procurement (e-GP)) should be a welcome intervention. Indeed, it has been established that following the explosive growth of e-commerce in the private sector to the tune of USD 12.8 trillion in 2006, governments all over the world have begun to gravitate towards the application of e-GP as a tool to modernize and improve their procurement systems.

As a way of aligning the e-GP system to match the elements of good governance, the system is designed to enhance transparency and compliance, provide a common platform for effective competition and ensure increased participation of all service providers in procurement. Thus, Ghana’s e-GP system is expected to be conducted not only in accordance with approved annual procurement plans but also in compliance with rules, regulations and processes as defined by Act 663.

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List of entities that have submitted their 2017 Procurement Plans Online As At June 30, 2017

1. Abor Senior High School
2. Accra Polytechnic
3. Accra Psychiatric Hospital
4. Achinakrom Senior High School
5. Adansi North District Assembly
6. Adidome District Hospital
7. Adiembra Senior High School
8. Aduman Senior High School
9. Afadzato south District Assembly
10. Africa Centre For Excellence - KNUST
11. Agona West Municipal Assembly
12. Ahantaman Senior High School
13. Ajumako/ Enyan/ Esiam District Assembly
14. Akatsi College of Education
15. Akatsi District Hospital
16. Akatsi South District Assembly
17. Akim Oda Government Hospital
18. Akuapim North District Assembly
19. Akuse Government Hospital
20. Akwesasne District Assembly
21. Asiamankese Government Hospital
22. Asante Akim Central Municipal Assembly
23. Asante Akim North Municipal Assembly
24. Asare Bediako Senior High School
25. Asikuma Odoben Brakwa District Assembly
26. Assin South District Assembly
27. Atebubu District Hospital
28. Bank of Ghana
29. Bawku Municipal Assembly
30. Begoro Hospital
31. Bekwai district Hospital
32. Bia East District Assembly
33. BolgaSenior High School
34. Bolgatanga Polytechnic
35. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation
36. Centre for Plant Medicine Research - Mampong
37. College of Health-Yamfo
38. Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice
39. Controller And Accountant General Dept
40. Copyright Administration
41. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
42. Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
43. Council of State
44. Dambai College of Education
45. Dambai Tr. College
46. Data Protection Commission
47. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA)
48. East Akim Municipal Assembly
49. Economic and Organised Crime Office
50. Effa Nkwanta Regional Hospital
51. Ejisu Juaben Municipal Assembly
52. EjisuemanSenior High School
53. Electoral Commission
54. Ellembele District Assembly
55. Enchi College of Education
56. Energy Commission
57. Environmental Protection Agency
58. Essikadu District Hospital
59. European Dynamics
60. Fanteakwa District Assembly
61. Fijai Senior High School
62. Fisheries Commission
63. Foods and Drugs Authority
64. Forestry Commission
65. Ga South Municipal Assembly
66. Gaming Commission of Ghana
67. Ghana Academy of Arts And Sciences
68. Ghana Aids Commission
69. Ghana Airports Company Limited
70. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission
71. Ghana Audit Service
72. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation
73. Ghana Civil Aviation Authority
74. Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division
75. Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
76. Ghana Education Service
77. Ghana Export Promotion Authority
78. Ghana Free Zones Board
79. Ghana Geological Survey Authority
80. Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO)
81. Ghana Health Service
82. Ghana Highway Authority
83. Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ)
84. Ghana Institute of languages
85. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration
86. Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communication
87. Ghana Investment Promotion Centre
88. Ghana Law School
89. Ghana Library Board
90. Ghana Meteorological Agency
91. Ghana National Fire Service
92. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
93. Ghana Police Service
94. Ghana Ports And Harbours Authority
95. Ghana Post Company Limited
96. Ghana Prisons Service
97. Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd
98. Ghana Revenue Authority
100. Ghana Shippers Authority
101. Ghana Standards Authority
102. Ghana Statistical Service
103. Ghana Water Company Limited
104. Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence
105. Gomoa East District Assembly
106. Gomoa West District Assembly
107. Grains And Legumes Development Board
108. Half Assini Senior High School
109. Ho Municipal Assembly
110. Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital
111. Ho Polyclinic
112. Ho Technical University
113. Holy Family Hospital - Techiman
114. Holy Child College Of Education
115. Internal Audit Agency
116. Jaman North Sub.-Dist. Hospital
117. Jasikan District Hospital
118. Jinjini Senior High School
119. Jirapa District Hospital
120. Judicial Service
121. Kedjebi
122. Keta District Hospital
123. Ketu North District Assembly
124. Ketu South Municipal Hospital
125. Kibi Government Hospital
126. Kintampo North Municipal Assembly
127. KNUST Senior High School
128. Koforidua General Hospital
129. Koforidua Technical University
130. Komenda Edina Eguano Abirem Municipal Assembly
131. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
132. Konongo District Hospital
133. Konongo Odumase Senior High School
134. Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital
135. Krachi East District Assembly
136. Krachi West District Assembly
137. Krachi West District Hospital
138. Kumasi Girls Senior High School
139. Kumasi High Sch
140. Kumasi south Hospital
141. Kumasi Technical Institute
142. Kumasi Technical University
143. Kumasi Wesley Girls Senior High School
144. Kumbungu District Assembly
145. Kwabre
146. Kwaebibirem District Assembly
147. Kwahu Afram Plains North District Health Direc-
148. Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly
149. Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology (KNUST)
150. Labour Department
151. Ladade Kotopon Municipal Assembly
152. Lawra District Hospital
153. Lawra Sec Sch
154. Mampong Municipal Assembly
155. Management Development And Productivity Institute
156. Mankessim Sec/Tech
157. Margaret Mary High School
158. Mfantsimman Girls Sec.
159. Minerals Commission
160. Ministry for the Interior
161. MINISTRY OF AVIATION
162. Ministry of Defence
163. Ministry of Education
164. Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations
165. MINISTRY OF ENERGY
166. Ministry of Finance
167. Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development
168. Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration
169. Ministry of Gender, Children and Social protection
170. Ministry of Health
171. Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development
172. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources
173. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM
174. Ministry of Railways Development
175. Ministry of Roads and Highways
176. Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources
177. Ministry of Tourism Culture and Creative Arts
178. Ministry of Trade and Industry
179. Ministry of Transport
180. Ministry of Water Resources, Works And Housing
181. Ministry of Works and Housing
182. Mozano Senior High School
183. Mpohor District Assembly
184. Mpohor Wassa East District Assembly
185. Nanumba North (Nanumba)
186. Narcotics Control Board
187. National Accreditation Board
188. National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
189. National Commission for Civic Education
190. National Development Planning Commission
192. National Film and Television Institute
| 193. | National Identification Authority |
| 194. | National Information Technology Agency (NITA) |
| 195. | National Labour Commission |
| 196. | National Lotteries Authority |
| 197. | National Pensions Regulatory Authority |
| 198. | National Petroleum Authority |
| 199. | National Service Secretariat |
| 200. | National Sports College |
| 201. | National Vocational Training Institute |
| 202. | New Edubiase District Hospital |
| 203. | New Edubiase Senior High School |
| 204. | Ningo Prampram District Assembly |
| 205. | Nkroful Agric Senior High School |
| 206. | Non Formal Education Division |
| 207. | North Tongu District Assembly |
| 208. | Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo) |
| 209. | Nsaba Presby Senior High School |
| 210. | Nsawam Government Hospital |
| 211. | Nsutaman Cath. Sec Sch |
| 212. | Nurses and Midwifery College - Sekondi |
| 213. | Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana |
| 214. | Nyinahin Cath.Sec. |
| 215. | Obuasi Government Hospital |
| 216. | Obuasi Municipal Assembly |
| 217. | Office of Administrator of Stool Lands |
| 218. | Office of President |
| 219. | Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands |
| 220. | Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region |
| 221. | Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region |
| 222. | Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Greater Accra Region |
| 223. | Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Northern Region |
| 224. | Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region |
| 225. | Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western |
| 226. | Opoku Ware Sec. |
| 227. | Osei Kyeretwie Senior High School |
| 228. | Parliament |
| 229. | Peki Government Hospital |
| 230. | Peki Senior High Technical School |
| 231. | Petroleum Commission |
| 232. | Pharmacy Council |
| 233. | Potsin T.J. Ahd. Senior High School |
| 234. | Prempeh College |
| 235. | PresbySenior High School - Legon |
| 236. | Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly |
| 237. | Public Procurement Authority |
| 238. | PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM SECRETARIAT |
| 239. | Public Service Commission |
| 240. | Registrar Generals Department |
| 241. | Ridge Hospital |
| 242. | S.D.A.Senior High School. |
| 243. | School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital |
| 244. | School of Dispensing Optics |
| 245. | Securities and Exchange Commission |
| 246. | Sefwi Wiaso Senior High School |
| 247. | Shama District Assembly |
| 248. | SIC Life Company Limited |
| 249. | SimmsSenior High School |
| 250. | Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) |
| 251. | Sogakope District Hospital |
| 252. | South Dayi District Assembly |
| 253. | St. John Bosco College of Education |
| 254. | St. Louis College Of Education |
| 255. | St. Patricks Nursing and Midwifery Training college |
| 256. | St. Theresa's College of Education |
| 257. | St. Theresa's Hospital - Nandom |
| 258. | Students Loan Trust Fund |
| 259. | Suhum Municipal Assembly |
| 260. | Sunyani Polytechnic |
| 261. | T. I. Ahmadiya Senior High School |
| 262. | Tafo District Hospital |
| 263. | Tain District Hospital |
| 264. | Takoradi Technical University |
| 265. | Tamale College of Education |
| 266. | Tamale Teaching Hospital |
| 267. | Tamale Technical University |
| 268. | Tarkwa District Hospital |
| 269. | Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly |
| 270. | Techiman North District Assembly |
| 271. | Tema Development Corporation |
| 272. | Tema Metropolitan Assembly |
| 273. | Tepa District Hospital |
| 274. | Tepa Senior High School |
| 275. | Tijaniya Senior High School Effiduase-Asokore |
| 276. | Trauma And Specialist Hospital - Winneba |
| 277. | Tumu District Hospital |
| 278. | University For Development Studies |
| 279. | University Of Cape Coast (UCC) |
| 280. | University of Energy and Natural Resources |
| 281. | University of Health and Allied Sciences |
| 282. | University of Mines and Technology - Tarkwa |
| 283. | University of Professional Studies, Accra |
| 284. | Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly |
| 285. | Upper Manya District Assembly |
| 286. | Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council |
| 287. | Uthman Bin Alan Senior High School |
| 288. | Volta Regional Hospital |
| 289. | Volta River Authority |
| 290. | Wa General Hospital |
| 291. | Waletwa Senior High Technical School |
| 292. | Wasa Akropong Hospital |
| 293. | Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly |
| 294. | Water Resources Commission |
| 295. | Wenchi Methodist Hospital |
| 296. | Wesley College of Education |
| 297. | West Akim Municipal Assembly |
| 298. | Wiawso College of Education |
| 299. | Winneba Municipal Hospital |
| 300. | Worawura District Hospital |
| 301. | Yaa Asantewaa GirlsSenior High School |
| 302. | Yendi District Hospital |
| 303. | Yendi Municipal Assembly |
Establishment of the Unit Cost of Infrastructure in Ghana

Introduction
The ability to understand the level and components of investment required to support the development of infrastructure in developing countries is increasingly becoming very important for governments, donor agencies and financial institutions operating in these countries. These institutions need to know how much the investment in the infrastructure will cost and how those costs are determined in order to plan the financing and execution of these projects to achieve the best value for money.

Currently, the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) maintains a database for common user items and therefore has reference prices for such items. However, PPA did not have a similar database for infrastructure, which accounts for a significant proportion of Ghana’s national budget.

There is a common perception in Ghana that the cost of providing infrastructure is too high compared to other countries. However, there is no concrete data or system to prove this or otherwise, across the various types of infrastructure.

Establishment of the Unit Cost of Infrastructure
The Public Procurement Authority through the Public Financial Reform Project (PFMRP) contracted PriceWaterHouse Coopers (PwC) to conduct a study to provide a basis for comparative reference to facilitate cost benchmarking for infrastructure projects in Ghana.

The infrastructure sectors the assignment focused on are:

⇒ Roads;
⇒ Buildings;
⇒ Water and Sewerage Systems; and
⇒ Power (hydro, solar, wind, thermal, combined cycle plants, power barges, gas and other fuel plants).

Unit Cost Estimator and Budget Tool
Data gathered from the study has been used to establish a database for determining unit cost. In addition to the unit cost estimator which is a budget tool for providing infrastructure estimates. The tool can be used by stakeholders for the preparation of realistic budget estimates for infrastructure projects.

The unit cost estimator and the budget tool is now available on the PPA Website.

As you use this tool for its intended purpose, PPA will be glad to receive comments and suggestion to improve the system. Send such comments/suggestions to info@ppaghan.org.

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Benefits of e-Procurement to the Private Sector

The Public Sector is the biggest single buyer in any country. It buys standard goods, complicated equipment, services ranging from cleaning offices to management consulting, mobile telephony, medicines, building of bridges or digging of tunnels and so on. The suppliers of these products and services most often are the private sector. However in many cases private companies consider selling to the public sector more tedious, risky and costly than selling to other private companies. They find it difficult to be sure of getting any contracts as payment is not always ensured. These circumstances make it difficult for small or medium sized enterprises to prepare tenders.

E-procurement can be described as the use of Web/Internet-based technology to support key elements of the procurement process such as: requisition, sourcing, contracting, ordering, invoicing, payment or specification of requirement. It can also be described as the business-to-business purchase and sale of supplies and services over the Internet. Adding ‘G’ to the procurement – Electronic Government Procurement (E-GP), makes it a strictly Government to business process (G-to-B).

Implementation of E-GP is therefore expected facilitate the procurement process as a result of automation, simplification & easier information sharing with Government. Introduction of E-GP into the Public Sector is therefore expected to benefit and enable improvement in the Private Sector. At the simplest level, for Service Providers (Suppliers, Contractors and Consultants), E-GP means easier business and improved transparency in dealing with government.

Additional benefits to the private sector will include:
⇒ One stop registration and dealing with government through the E-GP portal. This is expected to increase the number of suppliers, contractors and consultants that registers to deal with government.
⇒ Constant availability for tendering, the presentation of submissions, written documents and communications can be performed via telematics registers 24 hours a day.
⇒ Minimizes face-to-face contacts with government officials
⇒ All the information relating to the procurement process is published on-line on a real time basis.
⇒ Greater knowledge of the competition, by virtue of being able to view opening ceremonies over the internet.
⇒ Accessing tender advertising.
⇒ Reduction of manual work & contract-related papers. Routine administrative processes become simpler after some initial adaptation and training.
⇒ Reduced processing time.
⇒ Submission of tenders is done online, no need to travel to present bids.
⇒ Reduced mail and courier cost.
⇒ Inspection and payment through internet, thus no need to visit government offices.
⇒ Private sector to benefit from government’s computing infrastructural backbone.
⇒ High internet penetration for the private sector.
⇒ Adoption of new technologies (e-signature, encryption, e-documents)
⇒ The chance to market and sell your services to other E-GP customers.
⇒ New opportunities for SMEs will be formed such as increased participation in supply chain.

Entire benefits of E-Procurement to the Private Sector cannot be enumerated here. It is expected that the Private Sector will embrace and fully participate in the implementation of E-Procurement in Ghana to realise these and other associated benefits.

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eGP—Implementation Status

Implementation of Electronic Government Procurement – Current Status

The World Bank granted its ‘No Objection’ in June 2017 for the selection of European Dynamics (ED) of Greece as Application Service Providers for the implementation of Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) in Ghana. Subsequently, a contract was signed with ED in the same month. ED started the implementation process in July, 2017.

European Dynamics submitted its project work plan in July 2017, Submission of project work plan

A three member team from ED held 5 day inception meetings with stakeholders in July 2017. During these meetings ED introduced the propose system to stakeholders. Participants were taken through some functionality of the system such as Registration of Procuring Entities and Suppliers, Annual Procurement Planning, Tender Work-space Management, Bid Submission, Evaluation and Awarding, Contract Management, e-Catalogues as well e-Auctions.

Currently system and functional requirement specification is ongoing. Integration requirements are being addressed with relevant stakeholders such as the Ghana Revenue Authority, Register General’s Department, National Information Technology Agency (NITA), Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) and the Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS).

It is expected that with successful information gathering integration and other requirements, user acceptance test will be conducted to be followed by training of pilot entities.

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In addressing the need for effectiveness and efficiency in governance, the e-GP system brings about the integration and automation of many workflow processes, minimizes physical barriers such as space and time and allows more transparency and efficiency in information flow at relatively lower cost.

Keeping in mind the fact that public procurement is flawed with perceptions of massive corruption, proactive governments could invest in the adoption of e-GP which provides elements of traceability for audits and therefore has the potential to reduce the opportunities for corruptive, fraudulent, and collusive practices as face-to-face contacts with public officers is largely reduced.

Good as the intentions of this initiative may be, effective implementation of an e-GP project will call for some essentials such as Political will to provide leadership, Change Management techniques to guide the process and the need for Business Process Re-Engineering and the provision of the required ICT infrastructure to make it a reality.

Given the inherent benefits that an e-GP system affords any country, the PPA through this e-publication would like to launch a campaign that will generate a national discourse on the possible adoption of this system. Therefore contrary to the views that it is a mere technological add-on to an already laborious process, we believe that it rather holds the potential to inject greater efficiency, accountability and transparency into Ghana’s public procurement processes.

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Procurement Humour

eGP (Electronic Government Procurement) is a process of using ICT by Governments, specifically the internet platform to acquire Goods, Works and Services at the best value obtainable. Some of the benefits of eGP are:
- Good Governance
- Efficiency and Economic Development

What is eGP? I have heard Ghana is going eGP.
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