



Public Procurement Authority

Improving Efficiency and Transparency in Public Procurement

DISCLAIMER: UPLOAD OF TENDER AND CONTRACT INFORMATION TO PPA'S WEBSITE

The attention of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has been drawn to several publications on social media (and carried by some traditional media) in regards to the upload of tender and contract information to the website of PPA, www.ppaghana.org. These publications give the impression that there are some misconducts taking place at PPA.

The motive of these publications may have been borne out of ignorance of the Public Procurement Act, the process to upload information to the PPA website and/or out of sheer mischief. Either way, it has become essential for PPA to address the public on these issues.

The Provisions in the Act and Processes

1. The Public Procurement Authority does not give out contracts and is not involved in the evaluation of tenders that leads to contracts. Therefore, it has no influence on the outcome of evaluations and cannot determine winners.
2. The provision of approval for Restricted Tender and Single Source procurement as directed by the Procurement Act, is a 'no-objection' for an entity to carry out a procurement. The Entity does the further processing of the procurement on its own. Again, PPA has no influence in the awarding of the contract.
3. It is important to note that, the introduction of Due diligence and Value for Money units to scrutinize Restricted tender and Single Source applications to PPA has resulted in about 1.6 Billion GHS savings from 2017 till date. These functions do not directly impact the choice of suppliers by the Entity.
4. The Procurement Act compels Procurement Entities to advertise open tenders on the website of PPA and further directs them to publish the award of all contracts (Open, Restricted and Single Source) on the site. PPA has therefore provided access to the Content management tool of its website to the Entities and has trained them to enable them to upload these information themselves.

The last reported case

The actual facts in regards to the recent of such publications are as follows.

- A contract with a value **337,685.60 GHS** was awarded by SNNIT for a consultancy service for a forensic audit resulting from a restricted tender.
- SNNIT mistakenly published an amount **33,768,560.00 GHS** on the PPA website when uploading it on the PPA website.
- The amount was therefore corrected as soon as it was brought to their attention.
- It is important to note that, in cases of restricted tender, the expected value of the contract is included in the request for approval to PPA. The exact value of the contract is then reported

back to PPA after the award of contract. Hence, PPA has been aware of the correct value and can confirm that it was indeed an error by the SNNIT procurement officer.

Conclusion

PPA is committed to the development of capacity among public procurement professionals and all stakeholders (including the media and CSO's), as well as the introduction of technology into the procurement sphere to enhance among others, professionalism, efficiency and transparency. It has been providing mass trainings for stakeholders throughout this year in collaboration with several partners. It has also introduced an electronic registration portal for suppliers/contractors/Consultants and will go live with a pilot for a complete electronic public procurement system (GHANEPS) by the end of this year.

Through all this, PPA acknowledges that in human endeavors, mistakes may happen, the important aspect is to reduce the consequence of such mistakes to the bare minimum.

Thank You!

PPA Management