



Government e-Procurement System

Information Note

1. **The Government e-Procurement System (e-PS)** which has gone live on 28 September 2015 is a web based application to enable public bodies to interface with suppliers online via Internet to procure goods, works, consultant services and other services. For the year 2014, public contracts valued at about Rs 17 Billion were approved for award to private business.
2. **Progressive e-PS Rollout Implementation Strategy:** The Procurement Policy Office (PPO) in collaboration with major stakeholders including JEC is steering the project to unfold progressively, with issue of the first bid online on 28 September 2015, followed by eight other public bodies joining in by December 2015. In the second leg, 50 public bodies are planned to use e-PS by June 2016, and by end 2016, all public bodies are expected to be using the system for online Invitation for Bids (IFBs) for contracts above a defined value.
3. **Register for ease of doing business on e-PS.** Instead of searching in the press for public contract opportunities, any supplier, local or international, can link up to e-PS portal at <https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org> to view all IFBs issued for online bidding. If you wish to submit a bid, you will have to create a User Account on e-PS by signing up and completing your registration in open category. Whenever a Public Body issues an IFB using the Open Advertised Bidding method, an email alert is sent to all those who are registered.
4. You may also register in one or more categories for restricted bidding. The e-PS will then automatically send you email alerts every time a Public Body creates an IFB that allows participation to only those Suppliers that are approved for restricted registration related to those categories.
5. **Public procurement business comes to your desktop.** You can download, upload and file your bid online any time and from anywhere before the closing date and time. You can rework your bid any number of times before the closing date and time. When re-working a bid you must complete the process of submitting the bid or else it would deem to have been withdrawn.

6. **Capacity Building:** The PPO has developed a capacity building programme on the e-Procurement System for all users which includes face-to-face training and online videos; User Manuals ('How to') are available on the Portal on how to operate on the e-PS. For videos, go to the **YouTube** channel "**Procurement Policy Office**" to view **Suppliers' Registration** and **Bidding Procedures**. PPO jointly with JEC, through its members, will program practical training modules to scale up training to cover larger number of Suppliers.
7. **Requirements for using the System:** All the rights of Suppliers would be maintained and re-enforced. Suppliers would require, inter alia,
- A PC/Laptop with Internet connectivity of a minimum of 512 KBPS
 - A valid e-mail address
 - Windows 7/8/10
 - Standard Office Suite (Microsoft Office / Open Office);
 - Java (latest version)
 - Adobe Reader (latest Version)
 - Digital Certificate
 - Internet Explorer (Latest Version)/ Mozilla Firefox (Latest Version)
8. There is **no cost** for suppliers to register on e-PS.
9. Use of Digital Certificate is **mandatory** for submission of bids to provide confidentiality and integrity of bid data. Digital Certificate can be procured from the Mauritius Post as from Rs 1,300 (plus VAT) which is valid for a period of 2 years. Application of a Digital Certificate is done solely online at www.emudhra.mu.
10. **Opportunities for Suppliers.** Suppliers would benefit from the e-PS through objective decisions, reduced human intervention, improved transparency, reduced transaction costs, easy access to procurement opportunities, re-enforced security of bids, reduced procurement lead time, and increased chances for responsive bids.

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