



PRESS RELEASE

## **PPDA launches Government Procurement Portal**

**Kampala 18 June 2015** – The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) in its role as the oversight body of procurement has today launched an online procurement platform called the Government Procurement Portal (GPP).

The Government Procurement Portal is a one stop solution that combines the services of three previously used platforms; Public Procurement Performance Measurement system (PPMS); the Tender Portal as well as the Register of Providers (ROP). This is an initiative by government in a bid to leverage ICT to promote efficiency in public procurement.

The Executive Director of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority Ms.Cornelia K. Sabiiti says that the launch of this portal has come at a time when government is making a move to digitalize all its bodies in upholding its promise to the public on efficient and accountable governance.

She said that the portal if used effectively will see benefits for the entities and the publics that utilize it. Government Procurement Portal is useful to the following categories of people; Procurement and Disposal Entities (PDE), the Private Sector, the Public and also the Procurement Regulatory bodies with the benefits below..

### **The PDEs**

- Efficient and effective as all services are consolidated under one portal
- Reduce data entry fatigue by the entities who were previously having to do this on three different platforms.
- It is expected to be cost effective since bid notices will be posted online
- Enhances self-assessment of procurement performance for user entities.



### **The Private Sector (Suppliers)**

- Makes the bidding process competitive as bid information shall be available & open to everyone
- Opens more opportunities for local Ugandan businesses to compete for tenders for those businesses that did not have access say to newspaper adverts but now can access it at their fingertips through any device connected to the internet.

### **The Public**

- It offers transparency and accountability on how public funds are being utilized in the different Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

The regulators can also be able to pull reports and track progress of procurement plans posted by entities.

Some of the functionalities and information available on the Government Procurement Portal include; Procurement Plans, Disposal Plans, bid Notices, contract information, Best evaluated bidder information, Suspended Bidders – Local and International and will also have a list of registered providers.

The Government Procurement portal will be rolled out in phases and to a few at a time to allow the oversight body to monitor its effectiveness, efficiency and its technical abilities before it is then rolled out to all other entities countrywide.

All the entities in the pilot program will be expected to begin using the Procurement portal come July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. “These are the entities which we have already trained and sensitized on the use and functionalities of the procurement Portal.

PPDA shall continue to carry out sensitization and hands on training in the other Procurement and Disposal entities in order to give them the skill sets they need to properly in put correct data and information” says Cornelia K. Sabiiti



The Government Procurement Portal is the first step in achieving full eGovernment Procurement (eGP). eGovernment Procurement when fully functional will see all procurement processes handled online, right from posting of bid notices, to uploading bid/tender documents and finally making payments to suppliers. This is a process the Government envisions will be fully functional in the next five years as outlined in the eGP strategy July 2014 – June 2019.

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