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City of Tshwane boosts fight against corruption with new online procurement portal

The City of Tshwane has recently launched a new e-Commence and Procurement (e-CP) portal that will digitise and automate supply chain management (SCM) processes. This is a key step in our continuous work to root out corruption from within the system, get value for public money and make procurement faster and more efficient.

The previous portal has now been fully migrated into the e-CP portal which is built on the SAP Ariba platform with robust security and audit tracking measures in place.

There is a full audit trail for every aspect of the e-CP portal and automation of basic processes such as verification of suppliers and low-value procurement.

When a supplier registers with e-CP portal, they will automatically be verified against National Treasury's Central Supplier Database and Restricted Supplier Database. For low-value procurement, the portal will be able to automatically notify all registered suppliers to submit quotations for a particular good or service, and then automatically evaluate submitted quotations based on set policy criteria.

Another important feature of the portal is the contract management function, which implements robust performance tracking to check that suppliers are delivering on their contract terms, failing which, both contractor and the contracting department will be held accountable. This includes blacklisting of suppliers and consequence management action against employees.

The City has sent 18 000 notices to current suppliers whose registration are in good standing to inform them of the move to e-CP portal and how to use it.

There has been extensive training of our employees on how to use the new portal which will enable quicker turnaround times for buying goods and services as part of basic service delivery.

Implementation will be rolled out in phases over the next year with the first phase focusing on supplier registration, contract management, and quotations up to R30 000.



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Subsequent phases over the next few months will include quotations of up to R750 000, and henceforth implementation will focus on digitising the full bid specification, bid adjudication, and bid evaluation processes.

We acknowledge that the City has faced scrutiny over several questionable tenders from the past. We are now working to fix the system and clean house, particularly at Supply Chain Management.

The City has prioritised the implementation of the e-CP to ensure to that we strengthen our fight against fraud and corruption. Furthermore, action is being taken internally against all officials found responsible for wrongdoing and corruption related activities.

Our coalition government will continue to champion innovation that eliminates corruption and delivers quality services to all residents.

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