



E-procurement in Colombia



Public Procurement Principle: **E-procurement**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



Audience: **Policy makers, Procuring entity, Private sector**

Description

Colombia passed a law in 2007 that made it mandatory for every procuring entity to disclose documents related to procurement on an electronic online system called Sistema Electrónico de Contratación Pública (SECOP). Interested suppliers can thus check online for business opportunities, thereby boosting competition in tender processes.

In 2015, Colombia Compra Eficiente launched SECOP II, a fully transactional eprocurement platform conceived as an evolution of the first SECOP. In this platform, suppliers create a profile and receive updates of new business opportunities. Interaction with procuring agencies takes place through the platform, bids are submitted in a paperless manner and data are disclosed in real time for any interested party. Modules for the publication of annual procurement plans and contract management have also been included. SECOP II improves overall efficiency as it increases competition and reduces transaction costs related to procurement processes. Furthermore, it is linked to the budget system of the central government. SECOP II can be accessed at: www.colombiacompra.gov.co/secop/secop-ii.

Source: OECD (2018) Procurement Review of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá, Colombia, Aligning best practices with the OECD Public Procurement recommendation <https://www.oecd.org/gov/public-procurement/publications/procurement-review-chamber-commerce-bogota.pdf>

