



## Vision for Mexico's federal government e-procurement system



Public Procurement Principle: **E-procurement**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



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

### Description

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More than 20 years after the launch of CompraNet, the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement convened by the Ministry of Public Administration has had the opportunity to review the achievements of the e-procurement system.

New foundations for Mexico's federal government e-procurement system can harness the energy of our diverse economy, increase co-operation between the public, private and social sectors, and promote prosperity with an efficient, effective and transparent system governing the use of federal funds, subject to the regulations on acquisitions, public works and public-private partnerships.<sup>1</sup> In developing a better e-procurement system, the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement recognises the opportunities provided by digital technology to enable a fully transactional system that supports the whole public procurement cycle, from planning through tendering and award (contracting), to payment and contract management, as well as subsequent monitoring and auditing.

The success of the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement has been the result of the ability of different sectors, namely CSOs, business leaders and federal institutions, to adapt to changing circumstances. Our economy and societies are moving towards a democratic state that calls on all social actors to be accountable and responsive. The members of the Plural Working Group on Public Procurement are committed to deepening our co-operation, based on our shared vision of achieving stability and prosperity for our peoples through good governance. To this end, we aim to make Mexico's federal government e-procurement system:

1. transactional: The entire public procurement cycle will be managed electronically and establish complete flows connecting each of the steps automatically.

2. standardised: The entire public procurement cycle will conform to specifications and approved pre-established formats and adopt internationally accepted contracting data standards.
3. transparent: The e-procurement system will be the only access point for publishing information of the government procurement cycle using federal public funds, regardless of whether the case is part of an ordinary process or an exception. The system facilitates compliance with data and document disclosure principles as well as transparency duties.
4. trustworthy: The information uploaded to the system will be accurate, complete, updated and secured under strict protocols. All versions and updates of the documents referring to the public procurement cycle and uploaded to the platform will be kept, including modifying agreements, indicating the date and time of update as well as the official responsible for the information. Information and documents in the platform should be recognised as official and may be used in any legal proceeding.
5. interconnected: The system will offer interconnection between the processes of the procurement cycle as well as between government information systems (e-government), including those of budget and revenue agencies.
6. co-ordinated: The various entities and user units of the system will use it as a tool to ease co-ordination and facilitate consolidated purchases looking for the best market conditions and the standardisation of the procurement process. The system will include modules that allow for public procurement strategies such as reverse auctions and framework agreements.
7. user-friendly: The system is designed to offer users clarity on the available information and where to find it, as well as quick access to the system and high-speed navigation, avoiding too many system-interaction rules. A help desk provides useful advice to users, with sufficient numbers of qualified staff to address users' needs.
8. instrumental for users: The platform provides information for both public servants and the social and private sectors, as necessary. It will help them in the following tasks: analysing public procurement and the performance of those involved in such activity; making decisions to participate in procurement processes; defining public policies and improvement initiatives for public procurement; supporting audit and control tasks, and carrying out investigations and analyses of procurement outcomes, including the production of statistics and indicators. The platform will also facilitate the preparation of market research and Annual Plans of acquisitions, leases and services, as well as public works, so they can be published in a timely manner with updated information and provide useful input for the industry. The system's Registry of suppliers, including supplier profiles, shareholders, history of performance in public procurement and illicit actions, will contribute to informed decision making by procurement officials.
9. accountable: The system links to citizen complaint mechanisms set up for the complete procurement cycle and includes an updated registry of suppliers that have been sanctioned. It contributes data and evidence to review and evaluation mechanisms performed by different authorities (i.e. audit bodies, and transparency and competition authorities) to improve public procurement operations.
10. dynamic and innovative: A focus on process innovation will help the system introduce new information-management methodologies in procurement for public works, goods and services, based on knowledge from previous experiences, opinion and feedback from users, and guided by international best practices.

11. geared towards economic competition. The system encourages competition, free concurrence and reduces entry barriers, transaction and administrative costs for all types of users. The system will be publicly accessible. All information will be available for consultation in its public version in a timely manner and in a way that does not restrict economic competition or negatively affect the efficiency of public procurement by facilitating collusion and bid rigging.
12. exemplary. The federal e-procurement system will be a good practice for all other public e-procurement systems in Mexico to follow, such as those to be developed by states, municipalities and public entities subject to different procurement regimes.

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