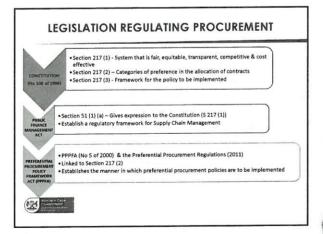


INTRODUCTION

- Public Procurement refers to governments' activities of purchasing goods and services necessary to carry out their functions. The process spans the whole cycle from identification of needs through to the end of a services contract.
- It is intended to benefit the general public and the goods and services procured are generally provided by private enterprises.
- South Africa is a signatory to the World Trade Organisation. There are, however, exceptions applicable to developing countries in relation to preferential procurement for example.
- South Africa has a procurement regime in place which is comparable with international standards (i.e. internationally accepted objectives and principles applicable to public procurement).
- > Procurement focus:
- (i) Instrument to achieve its socio-economic policies
 (ii) Proper and responsible financial management of public monies

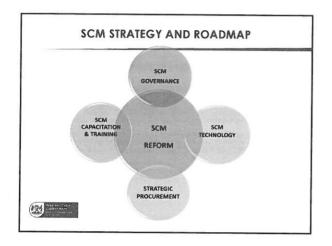


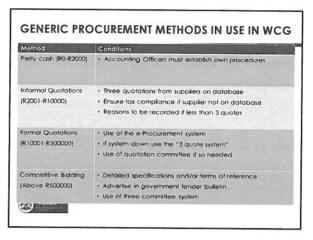


THE FIVE PILLARS OF PROCUREMENT

- 1. FAIRNESS Ethics and Fair Dealing (impartial and no bias)
- 2. EQUITY Advance the development of SMMEs, Black people (designated groups), local products, local enterprises
- 3. TRANSPARENCY Accountability and Reporting
- 4. COMPETITIVENESS Open and Effective Competition (cost effectiveness and best value outcomes)
- 5. COST EFFECTIVENESS Value for Money (quality, time, price)



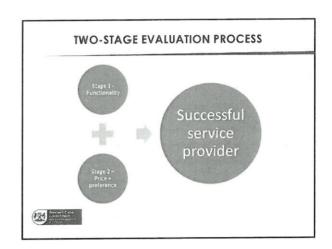




SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT UNITS - INSTITUTIONAL **ARRANGEMENTS**

- > SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BE IN LINE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK
- > ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
- Bid Specifications Committee
- Bid Evaluation Committee
- Bid Adjudication Committee
- > COMPETENT AND CAPACITATED MEMBERS TO FULFIL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES
- > DECLARATION OF INTEREST PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WESTERN CAPE
- ightharpoonup responsibility of **provider or prospective provider** (reward/gift)





DELIVERY

- > Only deliver on receipt of an official government order form
- > The product or service being delivered must conform to the specification
- > Delivery dates are crucial 'time is of the essence'
- > Any issues should be communicated to the buyer as soon as possible
- Delivering the wrong product or service, or delivering without an official order will affect payment

UNSOLICITED BIDS

- Unsolicited bids is clarified in WCPT Instructions 16A (Sec 5.2.1.7.)
- > They tend to undermine competitive supply chain processes
- The Accounting Officer is not obliged to consider unsolicited proposals especially if it relates to institutional requirements that can be acquired via conventional competitive bidding methods
- > DOH Unsolicited bids has to be reviewed by SCM at head office and not via institutions
- Departmental processes that has to be followed in considering unsolicited bids (Assess existing contracts, suitable environment, pilot site & testing)
- > Accounting Officer to notify Provincial Treasury within 10 working days



CONCLUSION

- To reap the full benefits of this system it needs to be constantly measured, adapted to changing circumstances, and managed and implemented by a professional staff cadre.
- Many of the problems encountered in public procurement in South Africa probably relates to the implementation of the system rather than the system itself.
- If can be expected that there will always be a degree of tension between obtaining value for money and the promotion of socioeconomic policies in public procurement.
- > There are regular reviews to deal with the underlying problems with the procurement laws.



