e- Government procurement, a Tool for Resource Savings and Transparency in Governance – DG, BPP

The Director-General of Bureau of Public Procurement, (DG, BPP) Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS, has said that, the e- government procurement will fast-track the procurement process, reduce cost and improve transparency.

The DG made this known while addressing participants at a Workshop on ‘electronic-Government Procurement’ (e-gp) at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Abuja on Thursday, February 3, 2022.
He said e-GP will enable the Federal Government achieve higher levels of efficiency and reduce wastage in its contracting process. Technology, he said, will help procurement systems to reduce human interface in a manner that MDAs can submit their requests to the Bureau for due process “No Objection” in electronic form and the Bureau will issue “No Objection” to MDAs in electronic form.

He pointed out that, there exist huge opportunities for savings that can be realized from the implementation of e-Procurement by the Federal Government. Generally, he said “it has been observed in the global space that e-procurement results in savings of approximately 5% on Recurrent Expenditure and 3% on Capital Expenditure. Consequently, from the total non-payroll spend for Federal Government, based primarily on the 2022 budget for (8) eight out of the (10) ten pilot Ministries, in the sum of
₦2,483,318,965,309.00, the potential financial savings from the implementation of e-Procurement will be about ₦98,586,136,024.53”.

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He reiterated that, the *e-Government Procurement* system shall be deployed on a pilot scale in ten (10) selected Ministries, before being rolled out to cover the entire Public Sector. The selected Pilot Ministries are:

(i) Federal Ministry of Health;
(ii) Federal Ministry of Education;
(iii) Federal Ministry of Agriculture;
(iv) Federal Ministry of Transport;
(v) Federal Ministry of Water Resources;
(vi) Federal Ministry of Works & Housing;
(vii) Federal Ministry Power.
(viii) Federal Ministry of Aviation
(ix) Central Bank of Nigeria
(x) Nigerian National Petroleum Company
In his address, the representatives of the World Bank, Sunday Osoba, said, Nigeria’s quest to use the e-GP is supported by the World Bank through the Fiscal Governance and Institutions Projects (FGIP) at the Federal level and State Fiscal Transparency and Sustainability (SFTAS) at the sub-national level. He said the journey on the use of e-GP at the Federal level started in 2016 when stakeholder consultations were held to gauge the mood of the bidding public and critical stakeholders on the introduction of eGP.

He pointed out that, International Technical Assistance was secured through funding from AfDB, which supported BPP in designing the system and preparing the technical specifications.

Mr. Sunday said in 2021, the system requirement specifications were subjected to a three-day stakeholders’ consultation. The feedback received from those interactions have been incorporated in the system specifications. Hopefully, he said the system would become operational before the end of the 3rd quarter of 2022.
The World Bank representative said, efforts to introduce eGP at the sub-national level had gained more steam. Adding that, so far, 15 States, including Kaduna and Edo, have gone live, under a Framework Agreement. He said several other States are deploying eGP through funding from other sources.