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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

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Reform of State Procurement

The State Procurement system has been reformed substantially in 2010. The Unified Electronic System of State Procurement has been launched.

The e-procurement:

Minimizes tender participation costs;
Provides efficient and transparent use of public funds;
Ensures fair and unbiased evaluation process;
Provides easy access to all procurement related information;
Streamlines procurement procedures;
Increases competition.

Consequent to the reform:

Tender fee decreased 4 times – GEL 50 (instead of GEL 200);
Tender threshold decreased 20 times;
Non-competitive procurement procedures are rarely used;
Administrative and logistic expenses decreased significantly;
Online purchase/ no need for written contract;
Less formalities/no need to obtain/submit documents from other state bodies, proving qualitative data;
Only the winning bidder has to submit relevant documents.
Objective and quantifiable evaluation criteria - price;
Pass/fail for others (delivery time; relevant experience; turnover, etc.);
Web-payment of tender participation fee;
State Procurement Agency is more service oriented (e.g. e-mail notification);
***Ex ante* prevention vs. *ex post* enforcement.**

Dispute Settlement Council was created within the State Procurement Agency. Members of the Council are representatives of the governmental and non-governmental agencies chosen on the basis of parity (equal footing).