

**THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED
BY JAMAICA**

ARTICLE 9 UNCAC

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

JAMAICA (SEVENTH MEETING)

Article 9

'Information requested from States parties and signatories in relation to the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention in order to facilitate public sector transparency and combat corruption.

- 1. Please describe (cite and summarize) the measures/steps your country has taken, if any (or is planning to take, together with the related appropriate time frame) to use information and communication technologies (ICT) to ensure full compliance with the Convention."*

Response:

Electronic Government Procurement

The Government of Jamaica on July 31, 2015, through the Ministry of Finance and Planning, launched the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System on a pilot basis. The e-GP is an online platform which facilitates the entire procurement process, inclusive of the dissemination of public information.

Authorised entities are expected to facilitate procurement through the e-GP, inclusive of:

- Posting of procurement notices;
- Electronic upload of bidding documents;
- Electronic submission and receipt of bids;
- Conduct bid opening exercises;
- Where appropriate, conduct evaluation of bids; and
- Authorization of tender officers and evaluation of tenders.

Further particulars of same may be obtained online at:

<http://www.mof.gov.jm/documents/documents-publications/document-centre/file/1124-c-12016.html>

Publication of Procurement Opportunities

Procuring entities are required to adhere to the Government of Jamaica Circular which is entitled "Publication of the Government of Jamaica Public Procurement Page".

1. CircularNo.33.,which was issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning on December9, 2013, states, *inter alia*, that:

"It must be noted that Procurement Notices ... must be publicized as follows:

- a. On the respective Procuring Entity's website or on its Portfolio Ministry's website; and
- b. The Office of the Contractor General's (OCC) Government of Jamaica Electronic Procurement Notice Board available at:

[http://www.,procNmJe11t.govjmlprocNrment](http://www.procNmJe11t.govjmlprocNrment)"

Procuring entities are also required to publish procurement opportunities through the Jamaica Information Service's Public Procurement Page, which is the published in the local print media on specified days of the week.

Further particulars of this initiative and requirement may be obtained online at:

<http://www.mof.gov.jm/documents/documents-publications/document-centre/file1152publication-of-the-government-of-jamaica-public-procurement-page.html?start=20>

Inclusion of pertinent information on the award of contracts

The Quarterly Contract Award (QCA) Reports

The Office of the Contractor General commenced this initiative in July2006. All Public Bodies are required to submit the particulars of contracts awarded on a quarterly basis. The system is currently web-based and has a reporting range of \$500,001 upwards to infinity.

Commencing with contracts that were awarded as at July 1, 2012, the revised QCA report captures all contracts which were awarded above J\$500,001 to infinity in value. The report further captures additional information such as the tender opening date and approvals received. The newly developed system now allows Public Bodies the ability to provide justifications for the use of Direct Contracting or Limited Tender over a certain value. Additionally, Public Bodies are able to insert comments for each contract reported,

as needed.

QCA Reports must be submitted to the OCG, electronically using the web portal format and by hard copy formats, within 30 days of the ending of the calendar quarter to which they apply.

Further particulars of the QCA system are available online at:
<http://www.ocg.gov.jm/ocg/view/qca-reporting>

Additionally, once the information is submitted to the OCG, the information is consolidated into a Microsoft Excel database and the information is publicly accessible via the OCG's website.

The National Contracts Commission Endorsement

All Government contracts that are above \$15 Million in value, must be independently reviewed, scrutinized and endorsed by the NCC before the contract can be awarded by the recommending Public Body or Government agency.

The OCG has sought to make available a list of such contract endorsements available on its website at: <http://www.ocg.gov.jm/ocg/view/Incc-endorsements>