

ELECTRONIC PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PLATFORM (EKAP)

Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP), which is established and operated by Public Procurement Authority (PPA), has started to operate on 01.09.2010. Subsequent to this date, procurement of works, goods and services that are under the scope of Public Procurement Law (PPL) are realized through the platform in accordance with the legislation.

Operations on EKAP start with preparation of needs report and recording of information regarding the procurement, including estimated value, into the system by contracting authorities. After these procedures, EKAP generates a specific procurement registration number (IKN) for each procurement. Following the receipt of the IKN, creation of the pre-qualification specifications /administrative specifications and draft contracts in accordance with the given information by user, uploading the technical specification, and preparation of the procurement notice if any, are provided by the system. After the publication of the procurement notice that is approved by the Authority, information about procurement is started to be shown through EKAP.

Through tender search web page, all interested parties and citizens can reach the name and address of the contracting authority, the name, type, procedure and industry codes (CPV-OKAS) of the procurement, the place, date and hour of opening of tenders, the place of delivery in procurements of goods and the place where the task is to be performed in procurements of services and works through EKAP, using various search criteria. In addition, tender search web page on EKAP enables access to procurement notice, if any, pre-qualification specification/administrative specification, technical specification, draft contract, standard tender documents, and other required documents.

Tender documents include all the information about procurement such as participation and qualification criteria, preparation and submission rules of the tender document, evaluation tenders and conditions for signing of the contract and rules on implementation of the contract and interested parties can access to these information through EKAP.

Real or legal persons who are registered to EKAP can download tender documents by using their electronic signature. Thanks to this, hand delivery of tender documents is no longer mandatory.

Following the opening of the tenders on procurement deadline, tenders of tenderers and evaluation procedures of contracting authority are registered to EKAP. At this stage, tenders of all tenderers, conformity of tenders with qualification criteria, the reasons for excluding the tenders, in case the contract was not awarded, the related reasons thereof, are registered to EKAP. All tenderers or potential tenderers can be informed about procurement proceedings through EKAP which provides very detailed information.

Furthermore, current stage of procurements can be viewed through EKAP by all parties and citizens. In this way, the indication of whether the procurement is open for participation, whether the tender evaluation stage is completed, and whether the contract is signed can be seen by them. Also, parties who want to file an appeal can see the application fee and the account number of the PPA.

Contracting authorities carry out the procedures about the signing of contract after the completion of tender evaluation procedure. At this stage, contract information, work increases or decreases, termination and transfer of contract, drafting business experience certificate are all registered to EKAP.

Following the signing of contract, contract information is sent to PPA by contracting authorities through EKAP. This data set contains the name of the tenderer to whom the contract is awarded, the contract value, the contract date, the estimated cost, the lowest and highest tenders, and information about the transfer of contract, if any, which can be seen by all users on EKAP.

All information regarding procurement procedures conducted through EKAP, except confidential information, is provided to all citizens, tenderers and contracting authorities in accordance with the relevant rules.

In accordance with information provided by EKAP, PPA publishes a procurement statistics report in a period of six months, and an annual report at the end of the year on the PPA's website.

Tender search can be made to reach the detailed information of a procurement, and tender documents can be downloaded by using mobile signature via Mobile EKAP, which was put into use in 2012. Also, public procurement bulletin, public procurement legislation, public procurement board decision records, and information about prohibited persons and appeal applications are all publicly available on Mobile EKAP.

Individual contract phase under framework agreements is totally conducted paperlessly and electronically on EKAP by year 2013. A total of 161 e-individual procurement in different sectors, such as procurement of medical devices, pharmaceuticals, computers, was used to award 1.229 contracts with a combined value of about 41,7 million USD.