



Mexico and the Open Contracting Data Standard



Public Procurement Principle: **Access, E-procurement, Transparency**



Procurement Stage: **All phases**



Audience: **Policy makers, Procuring entity, Private sector, Civil society**

Description

The Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) is an open data standard for public contracting, implemented by over 30 governments around the world. It is the only international open standard for the publication of information related to public procurement. It was created to support organisations to increase contracting transparency and enable deeper analysis of contracting data by a wide range of users.

The OCDS recommends data and documents to be published with the classification level of basic, intermediate, and advanced, and how to publish them. Thus, the OCDS facilitates the structured publication of data at all stages of the contracting process: planning, tendering, awarding, contracting and implementation. In December 2015, Mexico announced its compromise to implement the OCDS for all government contracts, starting with the New Airport of Mexico City. Although the Mexican government has agreed to implement the OCDS, the information currently published in national and local e-procurement systems does not provide completely “sharable, reusable, machine readable data” as required by the OCDS.

However, Mexico has been active in promoting the OCDS. For example, Mexico established the Contracting 5 (C5) Initiative with Colombia, France, the United Kingdom and Ukraine, an international forum to exchange practices and knowledge on open contracting and build a shared knowledge-base towards the adoption of the OCDS by a greater number of countries.

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