



Country case: Supplier performance information in the United States



Public Procurement Principle: **Access**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering, Tendering**



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

Description

In working to build supplier relationships, the United States focuses on doing business with contractors who place a premium on integrity, performance and quality. To this end, government agencies have been directed to improve the quantity, quality, and utilisation of supplier performance information through the use of two systems.

Supplier past performance information including an identification and description of the relevant contract, ratings across six dimensions (quality, schedule, cost, utilisation of small business, etc.), and a narrative for each rating is contained within the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS, www.ppirs.gov). Government agencies are required to report past performance information on this system, which will then be available to other contracting officers within PPIRS, on all contracts and orders above USD 150 000.

This web-based, government-wide application provides timely and pertinent information on a contractor's past performance to the federal acquisition community for making source selection decisions. PPIRS provides a query capability for authorised users to retrieve report card information detailing a contractor's past performance. Federal regulations require that customers complete report cards annually during the life of the contract. The PPIRS consists of several sub-systems and databases (e.g. Contractor Performance System, Past Performance Data Base, and Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System).

Additional information regarding certain business integrity issues, including contracts terminated for default or cause, information about criminal, civil, or administrative

procedures related to a federal contract; and prior findings that a contractor is not responsible, is captured in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS). Agencies are taking steps to improve the value of both systems by providing information that is both more complete and more useful.

Source: OECD (2019), [Public Procurement in Kazakhstan: Reforming for Efficiency](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

