



The use of open data practices to normalise public procurement data and enhance accountability in Mexico



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



Procurement Stage: **Tendering, Post-award**



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity**

Description

While a large amount of information on Mexican public procurement activity is available on the Mexican e-Procurement system, CompraNet, at present the data is not sufficiently comprehensive, and it is not available in formats that can increase accountability. The current process for achieving transparency and accountability in public procurement involves public disclosure of a large number of documents in formats such as scanned PDFs. This means that control entities and other stakeholders (e.g. auditors or the public) must invest considerable effort and resources in identifying acts of corruption.

The upcoming reform of CompraNet will make amendments to the system to increase accountability through the public disclosure of high-quality data in a format that allows analysts to detect trends in a way that is mindful of key stakeholder groups. For example, auditors may require information aggregated by entity, with the possibility of drilling down to identify exceptions to open tender and to develop a targeted audit plan.

Furthermore, CompraNet is currently used by procurement practitioners to conduct market analysis on historical tenders. This information is then be used to support applications for exceptions to competitive tender, for example to prove that there is only one eligible supplier for a certain product. However, system users experience challenges with the search function and the way data is organised in the system. Enhancements will be made to the system to ensure that searches are more accurate, and reduce the risk of exception requests being based on inaccurate data.

Source: OECD (2019), [Enhancing the Use of Competitive Tendering in Costa Rica's Public Procurement System](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

