

The reform of the
government
procurement system:
experience of the
Republic of Belarus

The Law of the Republic of Belarus «On government procurement of goods (works, services)» came into force on the 1st of January, 2013

Main principles of government procurements are:

1. effective expenditure of budget funds;
2. publicity and transparency of the government procurement process;
3. opportunity for participation in government procurement of legal entities and private individuals, including individual entrepreneurs;
4. development of fair competition;
5. assurance of fair and equitable treatment to potential suppliers (contractors, executors);
6. support of the domestic suppliers (contractors, executors) to the extent it does not contradict international treaties of the Republic of Belarus;
7. prevention of corruption in the sphere of government procurement.

According to the norms of the Law the information about the government procurement procedures has to be placed on the official site (www.icetrade.by).

Information about the government procurement procedures includes:

- annual plans of government purchases;
- invitation to participation in government procurement procedures;
- the documents submitted to a party to prepare a proposal for participation in the procedures of open competition, electronic auction;
- minutes of commissions meetings for opening, rejection proposals, and sizing up government procurement procedures in case of carrying out open competitions, electronic auctions;
- reports about the results of government procurement procedures.

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The participants of the government procurement procedures can be any legal entities or private individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, regardless their organizational-legal form, ownership form , location and origin of capital:

who submitted a proposal -

Types of government procurement procedures

Open competition– a kind of government procurement procedure, which represents a transparent and competitive selection of the supplier (contractor, executor) in the exercise of government procurement, where any interested potential supplier (contractor, executor) may submit a proposal.

It is held in case the estimated cost of the annual needs of the government procurement specified in the annual work plan exceeds:

the goods - 15 000 US dollars;
concerning the work (services) - 30 000 USD.

E-auction is a type of government procurement procedures, representing a transparent and competitive selection of the supplier (contractor, executor) in the exercise of government procurement in electronic trading platforms.

It is carried out in case of acquisition of goods (works, services), specified by the Government of the Republic of Belarus (equipment, food and non-food items).

Procedure of price requesting proposals–

type of public procurement procedures, which represents a competitive selection of the supplier (contractor, executor) in the exercise of public

The procedure of purchasing from one source- the kind of procedure of

exchange trades the procedure of concluding stock exchange transactions;

exchangetransaction is a contract of sale concluded between the participants of exchange trade in respect of the goods exchange during exchange trades;

exchangetrade - activity of commodity exchange and participants of trade exchange, which results in concluding exchange deals;

the exchange goods- any things determined by generic characteristics, not withdrawn from circulation; as well as property rights, unless otherwise stipulated by this Law and (or) the President of the Republic of Belarus, approved by the commodity exchange to the stock exchange trading in accordance with the legislation.

For example, coal stone, logs of oak, rapeseed oil are included in the list of goods transactions that legal entities and individual entrepreneurs are obliged to conclude on the stock exchange of open joint stock company «Belarusian universal commodity exchange» approved by the decree of Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus on June 16, 2004 714 «About measures on exchange trading on commodity exchanges development».

Right to appeal

Participant or any other legal or individual