

INTERVIEW

If anything is done under the table, even when it is right, people will begin to speculate and perhaps add meanings. But if it is done openly, then all will be cleared and that is exactly what the HoS did by making it public. And all the people writing petitions were there, heard it direct and there was nothing anybody can do.

Question

In addition to HoS, whom you acknowledge and your good self, who are the other persons who have made a difference on the situation?

Answer

All the Presidents since the commencement of the reform in the country, starting with Obasanjo that initiated it, through President Yar'Adua who signed it into law, through to President Jonathan who currently seeing to the implementation...If any of them had withheld support at any stage, we couldn't have gone anywhere. So, it is a total commitment of the Presidents, because procurement is key to good governance and is key to the agenda of any President. And it is in their interest to support the procurement reform. So, every other support we are getting is a fall-out from the support that they see Mr. President giving. If the President gives a kind of body language that tends to suggest otherwise, others will take a cue. But everybody is falling in line and dancing to the body language of Mr. President. Knowing that this is something the President will not toy with, they don't want to be seen to go against the President.

Question

Back to BPP, How prepared are you to go the whole hug in taking on the added responsibility assigned BPP under the Act?

Answer

Yes, it's an added responsibility, and we are building capacity. Reform is an on-going process, and to further help the Bureau take over this responsibility, the HoS has transferred to the Bureau people who were heading the Mobility unit in the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation and they are working with us.

Question

What are the implications for the budget of the Bureau, are more resources being made available for the Bureau to work with?

Answer

Well, I am aware that with respect to our budget for this year, in view of its added responsibilities, the HoS has made a case for higher funding for us this year. But we are conscious of the fact that resources of the state will never be enough to meet every body's needs. So, we are cutting all our costs to the minimal level. That is why you don't see us on television all the time because we don't have money to pay for media publicity. We are not in the papers as often as others because we don't really have the money. We really manage to make sure all the essentials that we need to do are done.

**COURT CASES THE BUREAU
IS INVOLVED IN AND THEIR
STATUS FOR THE PERIOD
OCTOBER - DECEMBER
FY 2013**

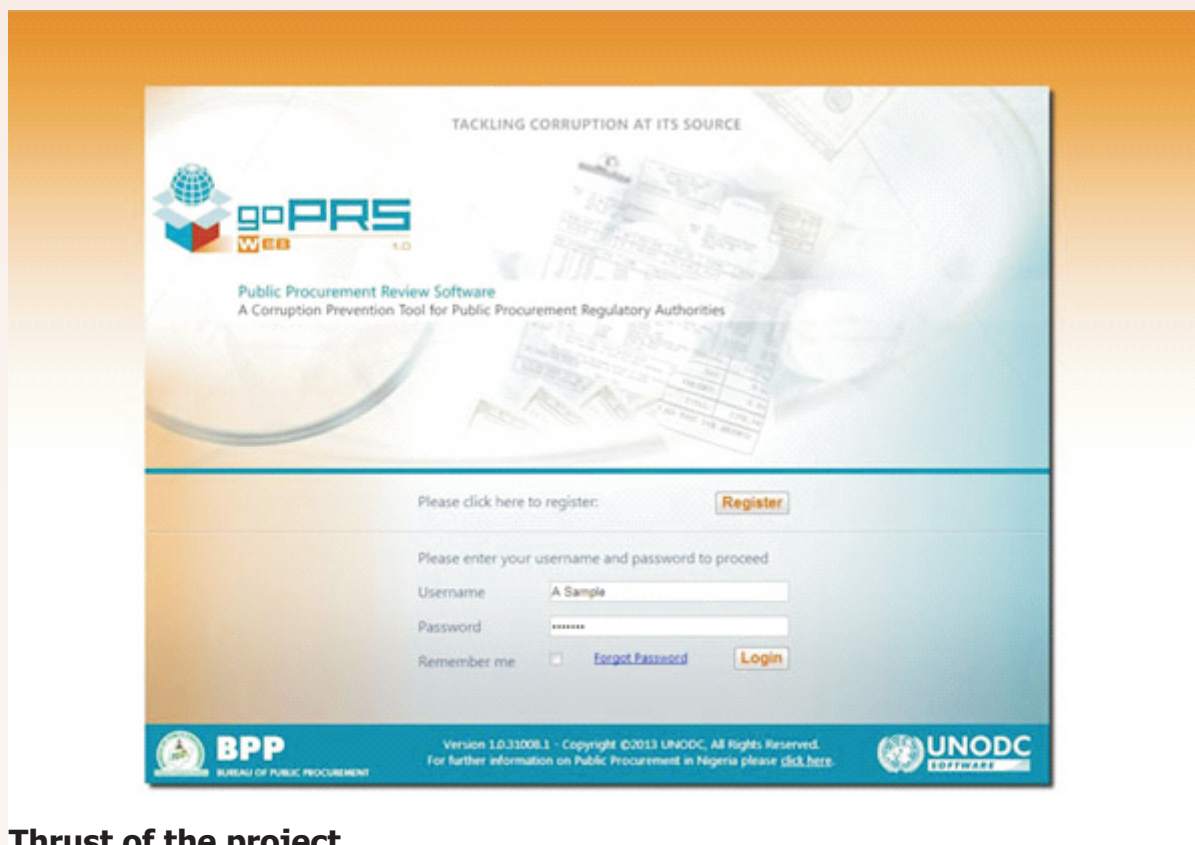
The Status of Court Cases involving BPP in 2013

No.	CASE	STATUS
1.	<p><i>Hightime Co. Ltd</i> V.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Commissioner for Education, Ebonyi State</i> 2. <i>Attorney-General/Commissioner for Justice, Ebonyi State</i> 3. <i>TetFund</i> 4. <i>BPP</i> 5. <i>Crest Infrastructure Ltd</i> 	<i>Ongoing</i>
2.	<p><i>Bedding Holdings Ltd</i> V.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>INEC</i> 2. <i>BPP and</i> 3. <i>31 others</i> 	<i>Ongoing</i>
3.	<p><i>Sanjook Nig Ltd and UNIPAD Nig. Ltd</i> V.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Minister of Petroleum Resources</i> 2. <i>Attorney-general of the Federation/Minister of Justice</i> 3. <i>PTDF</i> 4. <i>BPP</i> 	<i>Ongoing</i>
4.	<p><i>Staus Global Services Ltd</i> V.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>National Inland Waterways (NIWA)</i> 2. <i>Alhaji Ahmed YaÁrdua</i> 3. <i>Gamji Marine Services I;Td</i> 4. <i>And six others</i> 	<i>Ongoing</i>
5.	<i>Chief Ebubechukwu Lota Etudo</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

	<i>(who carries on business in the name of Etudo and Company)</i> <i>V.</i> <i>1. Niger Delta Power Holding Co</i> <i>2. BPP</i>	
6.	<i>Vester Castro Ltd</i> <i>V.</i> <i>BPP and 20 others</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
7.	<i>1. Davenco Nig Ltd</i> <i>2. V</i> <i>3. BPP and one other</i>	<i>Case has been struck out</i>
8.	<i>Systems Numerics Ltd</i> <i>V</i> <i>1. BPP</i> <i>2. National Lottery Regulatory Commission</i> <i>3. And one other</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
9.	<i>Chemtronics Nig Ltd</i> <i>V</i> <i>1. BPP</i> <i>2. Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
10.	<i>DNL Engineering Ltd and two others v</i> <i>1. BPP</i> <i>2. Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
11.	<i>Barr Yunus Abu</i> <i>V</i> <i>1. President, Federal Republic of Nigeria</i> <i>2. And BPP</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
12.	<i>Fhomo Nig. Ltd</i> <i>V</i> <i>1. BPP</i> <i>2. And three others</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Overview of the Public Procurement review Software (goPRS)

The Public Procurement review Software (goPRS) is a web-based portal for the oversight and monitoring of public procurement solicitations and contract awards by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).



Thrust of the project

Nigeria has lost several hundred billion Naira over the last decade due to flagrant abuse of procedures for the award of public contracts, inflation of contracts, lack of transparency, lack of competence-based evaluation, and lack of merit, which is the fundamental criteria for the awarding of public contracts. This finding has made urgent reform of the procurement system an imperative if Nigeria is to reduce the large scale corruption and waste that has reduced the efficiency of the Nigerian public sector. These reasons brought about the birth of Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) in 2001.

The Nigerian Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) plays a significant role in ensuring efficient and integrity-based monitoring of the implementation of all Federal Government capital projects. The mission of BPP is to establish an open, transparent and competitive federal procurement system that is integration-driven, upholds spending within appropriations and ensures speedy delivery of projects, thus achieving value for money without sacrificing quality and standards. This mission will be difficult to achieve without deployment of a Databank Management

System (public procurement review software and adequate ICT infrastructure). Such a system will assist BPP in ensuring strict compliance with openness, competition, cost accuracy rules and procedures that should guide contract awards within the Federal Government of Nigeria. Therefore any improvements in the public procurement system are expected to have a direct and beneficial effect on the overall economic situation of the country.

Objective

The goal of the goPRS IS to produce information for analysis, management and decision-making to obtain greater value for money and to deter fraud and corruption.

Components

The goPRS is in two components: goPRS Web and goPRS Enterprise.

goPRS Web is a processing software through which procuring entities submit requests for approval of procurement actions to the Bureau. goPRS Web ensures that files submitted to the Bureau for approval are complete and comply with legal requirements ,

goPRS Enterprise enhances the ability of the BPP to monitor individual procurements and review specific contract awards which fall above prior review thresholds. It applies workflow logic to standardize processes and tasks, automates task assignment for all processes, tracks progress and ensures that staff with the proper authority to approve specific actions are, in fact, the ones approving them.

Deployment

The beta version of the goPRS was released in July, 2013 and the working versions deployed in November, 2013. Selected members of staff of the Bureau have been trained on the use of the software.

BPP has also commenced goPRS Web training for eight selected pilot MDA's listed below:

- Niger Delta Power Holding Company
- Transmission Company of Nigeria
- Ministry of Works
- Federal Capital Territory Authority (FCTA)
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Ministry of Water Resources
- Ministry of Police Affairs
- Ministry of Transport

Features

The main features of the goPRS are:

1. A commodity pricing register for creation of a nationwide commodity catalogue with standard pricing;
2. Services register for the registration of service providers and standard prices for services;
3. An analytical module for comparison of submitted documents for a procurement process against established standard operating procedures;
4. An audit tracking module for logging actions by each user;
5. A data acquisition module that allows for importing Excel sheets, Power Point presentations, PDF files and Word documents and storing them in the system, with full text search features;

Benefits

Some of the benefits of the goPRS include:

1. Improvements in BPP's internal review and monitoring of the procurement approval process
2. Reduction in human interaction and personal contacts between procurement officials (MDAs) and BPP staff
3. Kick-off oversight on budget appropriations versus reported procurement actions
information (vendors database, prices lists) to assist suppliers in preparing their best offers and governments in assessing them to support the procurement process.

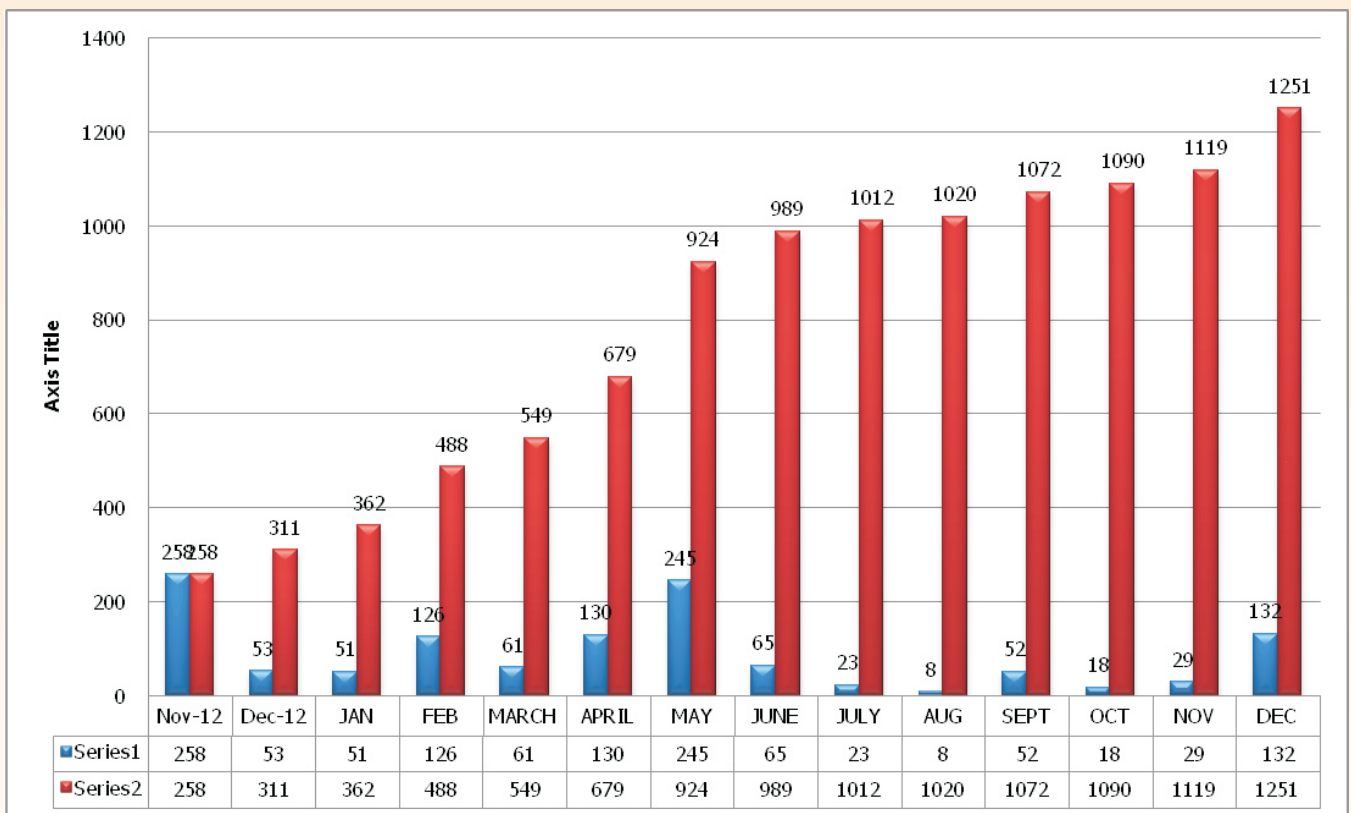
Progress Report on National Database for Registration, Categorisation and Classification of Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers

- The Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) is mandated as enshrined in Sections 5(h) and 6(f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 to “maintain a National database of the particulars and classification and categorizations of Federal Contractors and Service Providers” and to “prescribe classifications and categorizations for the companies on the register”.
- The National database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers (CCSP) System is a web-based application that allows Contractors and Service Providers to register and to be categorized based on business specialization/expertise and classification based on financial/technical capacities.
- The application was deployed on 5th November, 2012 and the Bureau has been emphasizing on the need for Contractors and Service Providers to register in the system.
- As at 31st December, 2013 a total of 1,251 Companies have so far been Registered.
- A Total of 127 Companies Registered under Works, 111 Companies Registered under Goods while 145 Companies Registered under Services Category. The Remaining 868 Companies are yet to complete their registration, thus have not chosen their categories or line of business as shown in the table below;

Works	Goods	Services	Yet to Choose Category	Total
127	111	145	868	1251

The graph below indicate the Monthly trend of the number of Contractors and Service Providers that initiated registration on the CCSP system from the date of deployment to the end of 2013 as well as the cumulative numbers registered.

Status of Registered Contractors and Service Providers on the CCSP Database as at 31st December, 2013.



How To Register In National Database

1. STEP 1 . Log into the system through the domain; federalcontractors.bpp.gov.ng or the **Categorization and Classification System** link on the Bureau's website, www.bpp.gov.ng and click on an icon shown below;



2. STEP 2. Provide Basic Information which Include Company Name, Company Address and e-mail address to obtain a User-id and Password.
3. STEP 3. Check your inbox of the e-mail address provided in step 2 above for your BPP User-id and Password if not found Please Check your Spam Folder.
4. STEP 4. Use the User-id and Password to log-in to <http://federalcontractors.bpp.gov.ng/> Please copy and paste the Password. Note: The Password is case sensitive.
5. STEP 5. Provide the following Information
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Contact Registration Information
 - c. Compliance