Public Procurement in Myanmar

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• Significant changes in 2011
  – Closed to open competitive tendering
  – Decentralized procurement

• Further changes since April 2013
  – President’s Office Directives 2013 with tender rules and committees
  – Ministry of Construction Directives (2014 and updated in 2016)

• Public Procurement Rules & Regulations Steering Committee (PPRRSC)
  – Established in 2015 to lead procurement reforms
  – Re-organized in July 2016 with Deputy Minister of Planning and Finance as Chair
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- 2016 Joint ADB-JICA-World Bank Country Portfolio Review
  - Joint Action Plan includes procurement:
    - Develop comprehensive directives/ procedures for public procurement that includes approval thresholds
    - Provide capacity building programs to broaden awareness and skills levels on development partners’ procurement processes and related issues
    - Strengthen the policy, legislative, and regulatory framework through reforms under the Procurement Law to be drafted
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- Tender Procedure for Procurement of Civil Works, Goods, Services, Rental and Sale of Public Properties for the Government Departments and Organizations issued by President’s Office in April 2017
- Ongoing development of national standard bidding documents
- Procurement Law expected to be enacted in 2018
- E-procurement to be gradually adopted
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