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Revisions to 1994 Model Law on Procurement

- **e-procurement and modern procurement methods**
- **e-communications/e-procurement not provided for in current text**

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- **E-communications**

- **“Functional equivalent approach”**
- **Safeguards**

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- **What is e-procurement**

- **E-tendering?**
- **E-publicity**
- **Electronic reverse auction (ERA)**
- **“Shopping”/dynamic purchasing systems (framework agreements)**

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E-procurement

- When suitable?
- Price + quality?
- “Standalone” procurement methods
- Tool in traditional procurement methods

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E-procurement – why?

- **New opportunities to achieve procurement goals**
- **Anti-corruption**

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E-procurement

- **Enhanced transparency**
- **More information**
- **Better controls**
- **New procurement methods**

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- **Capacity required for introducing e-procurement**
- **E commerce legislation**
  - **Recognition of e-documents**
- **Functional/other e-commerce issues**
  - **Access to infrastructure**
  - **Authenticity of communications**
  - **Integrity of data**
  - **Security**
  - **Confidentiality**

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Some issues (1) – how to achieve benefits

- Integrating e-procurement
- Reform process, not just replacing letters with emails
- Traditional processes and procedures need to be modified/replaced

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Some issues (2)

- Centralised purchasing
- Conflicts of interest
- Financing e-procurement systems