

Procurement Process in Acquisition of Quality Works in Local Government Authorities

A Case of Mwanza City Council

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Achieving value for money is the major objective of public procurement. Value for money is optimum combination of whole life cost and fitness for the purpose. Whole life cost is acquisition cost, maintenance cost and running costs, and disposal cost while fitness for the purpose refers to the quality and ability to meet contracting authority requirements. The study specifically focused on procurement process in acquisition of quality works in local government authority. Amount of works procured in local government authority is greater compared to other type of procurement that is goods and services. Despite of all effort made by the government still local government authority procure inferior quality of works. Therefore, this study aimed to analyse procurement process towards obtaining quality of the procured works in local government authority. The study was conducted through a cross-sectional research design within Mwanza city council and employed purposive sampling to select the sample. This resulted to a sample of 31 respondents from Procurement management team, tender board and contract management team. Interview was used to collect data, and also semi structured questionnaire as a data collection tool was used. The field data was analysed qualitatively and quantitatively. Findings indicate within procurement process there are procedures which were not conducted appropriately and they have impact on quality of procured works. The study also establishes recommendations to how can be done to rectify the situation and also suggest the areas for further research.