

ABSTRACT

With the rapid growth of electronic-commerce (e-C) in the private sector, governments all over the world are now paying close attention to Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) as a tool to modernize and improve their public procurement systems and processes. Ancarani, (2005) indicated that important issue in public sector management today is the increasing demand for transparency; efficiency and effectiveness in service quality. The advent of the Internet, digital connectivity, the explosion and use of e-commerce and e-business models in the private sector are pressuring the public sector hierarchical to rethink ways for modernization. ADB, (2008) suggested that government of Sri Lanka, the single largest purchaser in the national economy and for its public procurement systems to spend money under a transparent and efficient mechanism would require a reforms program to compete better in the regional and global economy. The Government of Sri Lanka has taken initial step for transformation to e-GP way back in year 2006 by enacting electronic transaction act and computer crime act, however, there are no positive action their onwards for implementation of e-p from any government organizations to date. Sri Lanka Air Force which involves it wide range of procurement activities to fulfill its operational and other requirements, comply with financial regulation and other procurement manuals, it involves considerable amount of paper work to maintain the accuracy, accountability and transparency, with the rapid developments so many areas of technology introduction to internal procurement activates (EPAS, 2011), requires a successful tool to integrate these systems with private sector for better and efficient procurement process with lesser cost. In fact, e-procurement appears to be better solution, however, consideration of the management on organizational issues associated with e-procurement is very vital prior to introduce. In this paper outline the trend toward SLAF adoption of e-procurement and examine the areas to be developed for adoption of e-procurement for SLAF.

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