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Name of the municipality	**672 NW394: Greater Taung**
Province	**NORTH WEST PROVINCE**
National Treasury classification	**B4**
Population size	**177 642 (2011) AND 167 827 (2016)**
Budget	**2020/21 not available, 2019/20 R319 million**
Website Last accessed:	**30 October 2020**

1. **Does the municipality have a functional website? Does the website have a dedicated page for procurement information, which can be accessed without registration?**
   a. Yes, the municipality has a functional website with a dedicated page for procurement information, and this information can be accessed without registration.
   b. Yes, the municipality has a functional website but the website has no procurement information or the municipality has a functional website with a dedicated page for procurement information but registration is required to access this information.
   c. No, the municipality does not have a functional website.

Answer: b
Source: https://gtlm.gov.za/closed-tenders/

Comments:
- The municipal website has a tab for tenders.
- However, clicking on this tab leads to closed tenders.
- Effectively, the municipality only publishes closed tenders. Even then, the list of closed tenders is incomplete. They are all tenders that closed on 03 April 2018.
- To see if there were any other tenders, one must search 'tenders' using the municipal search engine. This search engine eventually leads to 'supply chain management contracts'. This section provides a combination or mixed bag of information on tenders, inclusive of: a list of bids that are closing on a particular date; a bid register capturing a list of bidders for a particular tender; and here and there, awarded tenders

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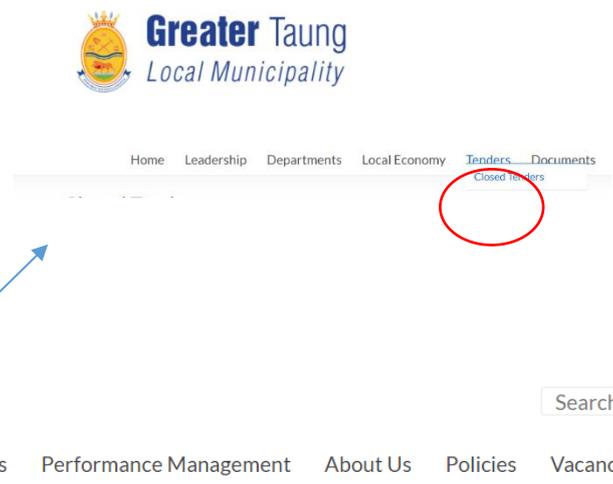
2. **Does the municipality publish tender notices?**
   a. Yes, the municipality publishes tender notices and the list of tender notices seems complete.
   b. Yes, the municipality publishes tender notices but the list of tender notices has obvious gaps or the list seems incomplete.
   c. No, there are no tender notices on the municipality's website.

Answer: **(b)**
Source: **https://gtlm.gov.za/supply-chain-management-contracts/**

Comments:
- To see if there were any other tenders, one must search 'tenders' using the municipal search engine. This search engine eventually leads to a tab 'supply chain management contracts', which yields the mixed bag shown below:
- According to the list, the last advertised tender was in September 2019.
- The eTender portal does provide for municipal tenders however.

3. **Does the municipality publish tender specifications for tender notices on its website, can they be downloaded free of charge?**
   a. Yes, the municipality publishes tender specifications on its website, which are downloadable free of charge.
   b. Yes, the municipality publishes tender specifications, which are downloadable free of charge but only for some tender notices or the municipality publishes tender specifications but it imposes a cost to access the specifications.
   c. No, the municipality does not publish tender specifications.

Answer: **(b)**
Source: https://gtlm.gov.za/supply-chain-management-contracts/

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Comments:

- After navigating the municipality's website, there is no obvious link to active tenders.
- A 2019 link on "adverts to be closed" indicates that the municipality did advertise previously. However, it only listed tenders, with an indication that the public can go to the municipal offices to obtain documentation. See Annex 1
- In this document, there is also an indication of a fee charge of R300.
- The e-tender portal advertises active municipal tendershttps://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/provision-layout-production-and-delivery-re-dira-megazine-period-36-months-0. For one tender, it indicates that a fee of R1000 will be charged for tender documentation https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/advertised-tenders. For the other, it provides the tender documents onsite:https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/sites/default/files/tenders/Debt%20Coolector.pdf:


4. **Does the municipality publish the name of companies or individuals who win tenders on its website? Does it do so on time (i.e. within five working days after the award)?**
    a. Yes, the municipality publishes information about who wins tenders within five working days.
    b. Yes, the municipality publishes information about who wins tenders but after five working days or the list of names of companies or individuals who won the tender has obvious gaps or seems incomplete.
    c. No, the municipality does not publish information about who wins tenders.

Answer: (b)
Source: e.g. https://gtlm.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Tenders-awarded-in-2017-18.pdf and https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/awarded-tenders

Comments:

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- For the period under review, Sept 2019- Aug 2020, the municipality did not provide this information.
- However, there is information dating back to 2018, and it is all over the place, listed together with other information on tenders.
- It appears that during the 2017-2018 period, there was an approach by management to advertise this information.

Adverts to be closed on the 19 and 26 June 2018 new

Adverts to be closed on the 10 and 27 August 2018 new.doc 1

Adverts to be closed on the August 2018 new.doc 1

Adverts to be closed on the 27 Sep and 29 Oct 2018 new.doc 1

Tenders awarded in 2017- 18

Tenders awarded in January – March 2018

Tenders awarded july – oct – dec 2017

Tenders awarded july – sept. 2017

Quotations closing on the 22 and 28 Nov 2018

Adverts to be closed on the 16 November 2018 new.doc 1

Adverts to be closed on the 03 and 13 Dec 2018 new.doc 1

Adverts to be closed on the 03 and 13 Dec 2018 new.doc 1.doc medical

Adverts to be closed on the 10 Dec and 07 Jan 2019 new.doc 1

Fencing school hostel_30112018_115843

Fitings canvas dryharts library_30112018_115942

> Lists provide for :
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> Contract Description, Successful bidder, contract price, reason for award (e.g. bidder obtained highest points in terms of PPFFA), highest bidder amount, HDI status, closing date, appointment dated, number of days taken to appoint.

- The national treasury e-portal does publish information on who was awarded tenders. It also publishes the price.
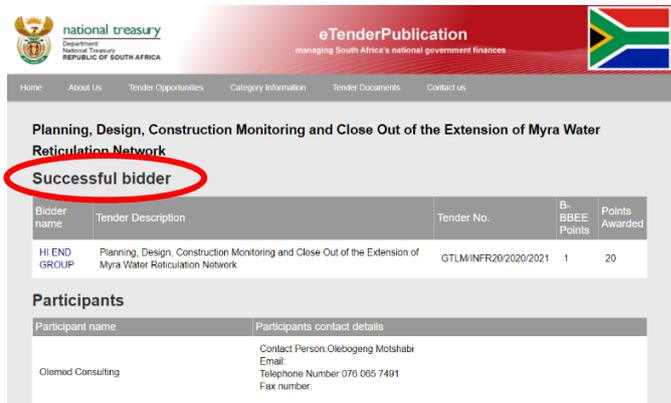
Graphic Examples of eTender portal publication of Awarded Tenders for the municipality
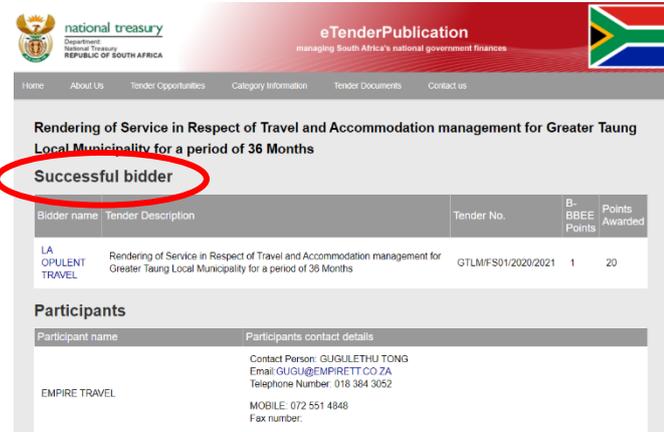
5. **Do tender specifications remain accessible on the website after the contract has been awarded for the duration of the contract?**
    a. Yes, the tender specifications remain accessible on the website after the contract has been awarded for the duration of the contract.
    b. Yes, the tender specifications remain accessible on the website after the contract has been awarded but not for the entire duration of the contract or not all tender specification information remains accessible on the website for the entire duration of the relevant contracts.
    c. No, the tender specifications are removed after the award of the contract or the municipality does not publish tender specifications.

Answer: **(c)**

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Source: e.g. https://gtlm.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Adverts-to-be-closed-on-the-18-and-20-September-2019.pdf **and** https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/closed-tenders **and** https://gtlm.gov.za/closed-tenders/

Comments:
- Due to the municipality generally not advertising tenders for the period under review, there are no tender specifications on its own website.
- The national treasury's portal is not specific on organisations, and lists closed tenders indiscriminately. It just provides a list that cannot be expanded on https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/closed-tenders

6. **Does a municipality publish the price of the contract?**
   a. Yes, the municipality publishes the price of the contract.
   b. Yes, the municipality publishes the price of the contract but does not seem to publish the price of contracts for all tenders
   c. No, the municipality does not publish the price of the contract.

Answer: **(b)**
Source: https://gtlm.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Tenders-awarded-in-2017-18.pdf
Comments:
- When it did publish, it last did so in 2017/18. Except that the lists seem random and seem indicative of leadership style or approach at the time. **https://gtlm.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Tenders-awarded-in-2017-18.pdf**
- National treasury does provide this information. https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/field-collection/field-etender-awarded-to/192398 and https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/field-collection/field-etender-awarded-to/192384 for example.
- It also publishes the price. However, this (publishing of price) is not done for all tenders. This is shown on the two graphics below, for the Financial Year 2020/21.
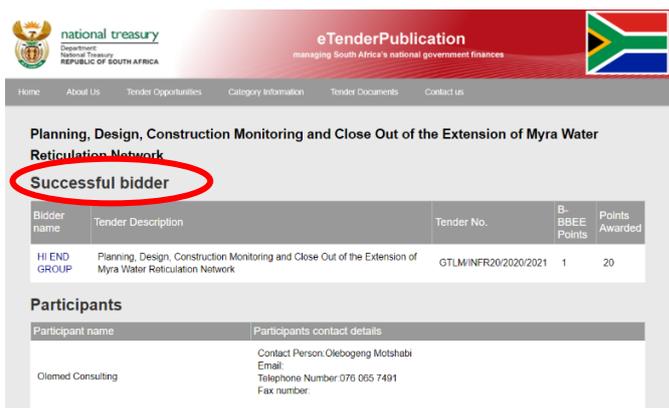
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Contract Value is
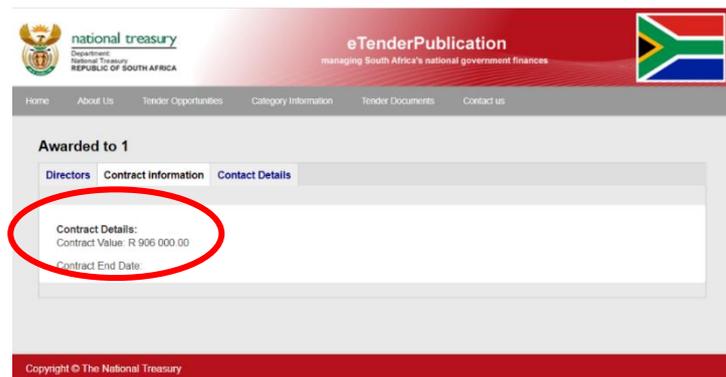
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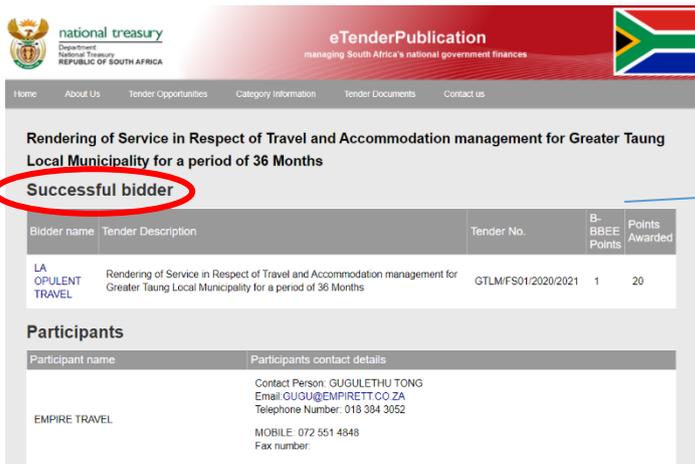
Graphic 2 Contract Value is not Published
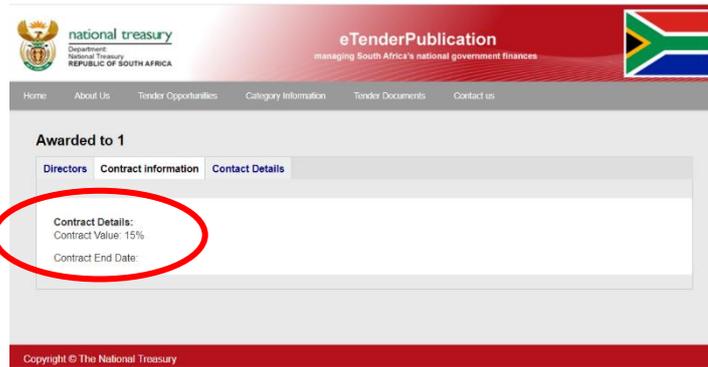
7. **Does the municipality publish any information on how the project will be implemented, for instance, timelines and deliverables, otherwise known as service delivery agreements or implementation plans?**
    a. Yes, the municipality publishes information on how the project will be implemented.
    b. Yes, the municipality publishes information on how the project will be implemented, but the list of service delivery agreement or implementation plans has obvious gaps or the list seems incomplete.
    c. No, the municipality does not publish information on how the project will be implemented.

Answer: **(c)**
Source:
Comments:
    ● This information is not apparent on the website

8. **Does the municipality publish procurement information on both its website and the eTender portal?**
    a. Yes, the municipality publishes procurement information on both its website and the eTender portal.
    b. Yes, the municipality publishes procurement information on both its website and the eTender portal but the information on these two platforms does not correspond.
    c. No, the municipality only publishes procurement information on either its website or the eTender portal.
   d. No, the municipality does not publish procurement information on either its website or the eTender portal.

Answer: **(b)**
Source: https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/advertised-tenders
Comments:
    ● The ePortal is more reliable on tender information than the municipal website. The municipality does not even direct users to the ePortal, at the very least.
    ● An important note is that since the last assessment, it is a new development that the ePortal has information on the municipality's active tenders. That said, it is also possible that at the

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time of the last assessment, there were no active tenders, and not necessarily implying that the ePortal did not contain this information at all.
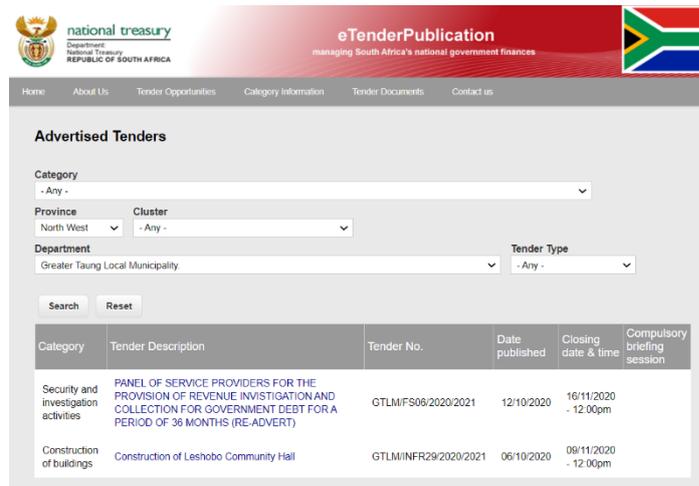
General assessment:

a) What is your overall impression on how easy it is to navigate the municipal website to find procurement information? Rate out of 10?

- It was not easy to navigate this website for the purpose of procurement information.
- The fact that there is no tab for active tenders was problematic, and one was left wondering whether it is hidden somewhere. 5/10

b) Any tips on how the municipality could improve citizens' access to procurement information on its website?

- Have a clear tab for active tenders
- Provide a link to the ePortal of National Treasury, as a minimum.

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c) Are there any best practices in the municipality which can be shared with other municipalities?

- When the municipality did publish awarded tenders, its publication was very useful to the extent that it provided for 'reason to appoint' and 'number of days taken to appoint'. These are all good indices in terms of measuring transparency and efficiency, respectively.

d) Are there any other issues that caught your attention when undertaking the assessment?

- It is difficult to contemplate why the municipality is not advertising active tenders and awarded tenders, even under the COVID-19 conditions where there are calls for transparency. It almost seems brazen, given that the North West province has been under such scrutiny, from a financial management and governance standpoint. Then again, this makes a case for why the province is not doing well on municipal financial governance.

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Annex 1 :

Question 3: Does the municipality publish tender specifications for tender notices on its website, can they be downloaded free of charge?

An example of the municipality's approach to advertising for bids: https://gtlm.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Adverts-to-be-closed-on-the-10-Dec-and-07-Jan-2019-new.doc-1.pdf

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT FORMAL WRITTEN BIDS FOR

BID NO	DESCRIPTION	DOC FEE	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	EVALUATION CRITERIA & CIDB GRADING	CLOSING DATE	CONT PERS
GTLM/INFR07/2019/2020	Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Self-Propelled Pedestrian Rollers	R 300.00	N/A	80/20	18/09/2019 @12:00	Mr M 053 99
GTLM/INFR08/2019/2020	Supply and Delivery of Self-Propelled Broom Sweeper	R 300.00	N/A	80/20	18/09/2019 @12:00	Mr M 053 99
GTLM/SS03/2019/2020	Supply, Delivery and Installation of a Book Detector System at Pudimoe Community Library	R 300.00	06/09/2019 @ 09H00 @Pudimoe Community Library (Taung)	80/20(Experience Service Provider)	20/09/2019 @12:00	Ms D 083 99
GTLM/SS04/2019/2020	8.Supply and Delivery of a Compactor Truck	R 300.00	N/A	80/20(Experience Service Provider)	18/09/2019 @12:00	Mr A 062 60
GTLM/SS05/2019/2020	Supply and Delivery of a Backhoe Loader	R 300.00	N/A	80/20(Experience Service Provider)	18/09/2019 @12:00	Mr A 062 60
GTLM/SS06/2019/2020	Supply and Delivery of a 4X2 Tractor.	R 300.00	N/A	80/20(Experience Service Provider)	18/09/2019 @12:00	Mr A 062 60
GTLM/SS07/2019/2020	Supply and Delivery of a Double Cab LDV	R 300.00	N/A	80/20(Experience Service Provider)	18/09/2019 @12:00	Mr A 062 60

Tender documents will be available on the 03/09/2019.

Tender documents will be obtainable from the Cashier's office at foyer, Administration Building, Greater Taung Local Municipality at Station Street, Taung, upon payment of a non-refundable cash or bank-guaranteed cheque p indicated document fee Please note that tenders can also be downloaded for free on the e-tender portal. **All enquiries regarding the tender's administration must be directed to supply chain management offi 9471/2/3/4 or 469.** All submission are to be made to Greater Taung Local Municipality, clearly marked with the Contract Number and description addressed for attention of the Municipal Manager and should be submitted in situated in the foyer at the Administration Building of the Municipality on or before the indicated closing date and time. NOTE: The Greater Taung Local Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and r to accept in whole or part. The tenders will also be evaluated based on the experience, capacity and references where relevant. If you do not hear from us after the expiry of the validity period please accept that your bid is un Please **note** that it is a requisite of the municipality that all suppliers must be registered on the database of the municipality and Central Suppliers Database (CSD, therefore all bidders who are not register database system must ensure that their bids are companied by the database forms. **The tender validity period is 90 days. Telegraphic, telephonic, facsimiled, emailed and late tender will not be accep**

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