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Name of the municipality DC38: Ngaka Modiri Molema

Province NORTH WEST PROVINCE

National Treasury classification C2

Population size 842,699 (2011) 889 108 (2016)¹

Budget R1.2 billion Total Revenue Budget and R300mil grants and

subsidies

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: (a)

Source: https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/tenders

Comments:

- The website is well presented, easy to navigate and exemplary.
- The municipality's website is a one-stop-shop of various categories and stages of the tender process, Annex 1 provides a view of the landing page.
- It provides for: Advertised tenders; Bid Closing Register; Closed Tenders; Awarded Tenders; Supply Chain Documents

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: (a)

Source: https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/tenders

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¹ https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/overview

Comments:

- Tender notices are published and easy to navigate.
- An example below shows that for each tender, the landing page already indicates the closing date and availability of tender documentation. There is no need to dig through the website to find this information.



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://www.nmmdm.gov.za/sites/default/files/supplychain/TENDER%20DOCUMENT%20VAT%2020 20%20CFO%2027%20OCT%202020.pdf as an example

Comments:

- The tender document is easy to navigate as it has hyperlinks. This way, the user can click on the document to get to the specifications / TORs.
- Of the six currently active tenders (as at 30 October 2020), two required payment in order to obtain documentation. The amount is R2,935-41.
- e.g.
 https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/sites/default/files/supplychain/Advert%20Sannieshof%20Agis
 anang%20Phase2%20OCT%202020.pdf payment required

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:

https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/sites/default/files/supplychain/AWARDED%20TENDERSJulySep 2019.pdf as an example

Comments:

- The last time this information was published was for the period July September 2019.
- It is clear therefore that the information is not published timeously, but rather for a quarter.
- Importantly, only the month of September 2019, of the period under review, is thus covered. Effectively, for the past 12 months, the municipality has not advertised this information.

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)

Source:

https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/sites/default/files/supplychain/Advert%20Tracing%20System%20Re-Advert%20September%202020.pdf and https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/tenders

Comments:

- There is a tab for closed tenders. However, only basic information is provided for each tender. There are no tender specifications.
- This information cannot be readily verified on the eTender portal, as the information is mixed up with respect to organizations.

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)

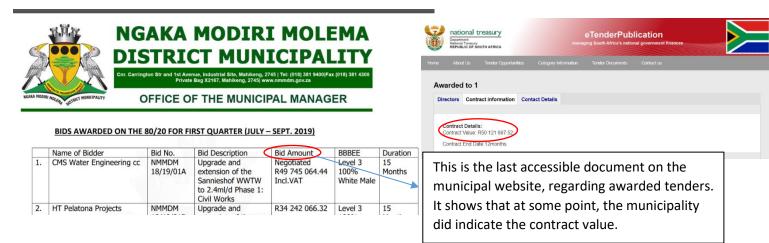
Comments:

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• For the period under review (Sept 19 – Aug 20), this information is not available on the municipal website. The last time this information was published was for the period July - September 2019.

https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/sites/default/files/supplychain/AWARDED%20TENDERSJulySep 2019.pdf

• However, the e-tender portal provides the information, as shown below:



- 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.
 - No, the municipality does not publish information on how the project will be implemented.

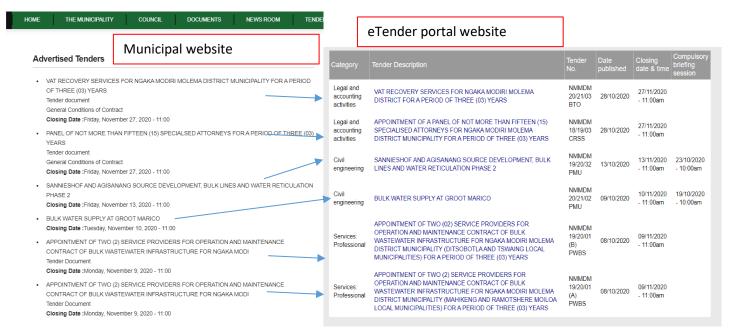
Answer: (c)

Source: Comments:

- There are no service delivery agreements or implementation plans provided for.
- 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: (a)

Source: https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/advertised-tenders and https://www.nmmdm.gov.za/tenders



Comments:

As shown above, the two sites mirror each other.

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?
 - This is arguably the easiest website to navigate. There is clear logic on how the information is organised. It has not been necessary to do any searches to find basic information.
 - 10/10
- b) Any tips on how the municipality could improve citizens' access to procurement information on its website?
 - The fact that for a period of time, awarded tenders were published on the website, and have since stopped shows it is doable, and should be done.
 - Closed tenders only go as far back as 20 March 2020. Beyond this, there is no information
 available on the website. There is no tab for archives on the municipal website. Not even the
 COVID19 tenders are reflected on awarded tenders. One could conclude that the 2018
 published information could have been as a result of the leadership of the time, who may
 have insisted on publishing this information.
 - If the municipality could fix these two areas, its website would be close to perfect.
- c) Are there any best practices in the municipality which can be shared with other municipalities?
 - The website is exemplary and could be considered best-practice, in terms of ease of access
 to tender information and ease of navigation. The municipality needs to update some
 information and provide archives for historic information.

- d) Are there any other issues that caught your attention when undertaking the assessment?
 - It is fair to say of the four assessed websites, this is the best, notwithstanding improvements that have been pointed out above.

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Annex 1:

Question 1: Does the municipality have a functional website? Does the website have a dedicated page for procurement information, which can be accessed without registration?

The page is a one-stop-shop, easy navigation page.

