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Name of the municipal	lityMatjhabeng Local Municipality
Province	Free State
National Treasury classificationB1	
Population size	406,461
Budget	R 3,246,216,513

- 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: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1406

Comments: The website has a section dedicated to finance and procurement under which there is information on quotations and tenders.

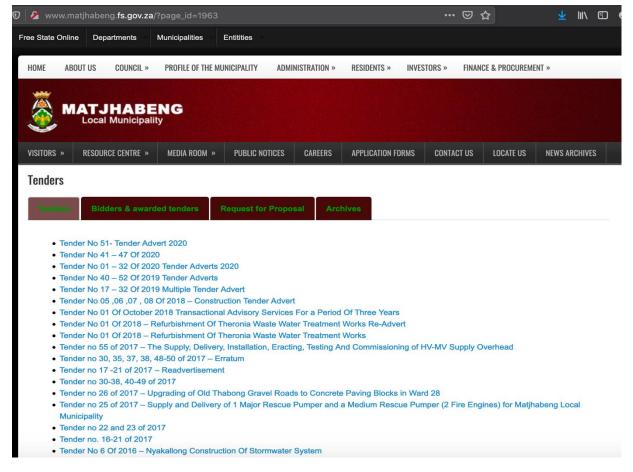
2. Does the municipality publish tender notices?

- 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: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1963

Comments: The municipality publishes tender notices, but the list seems incomplete. For instance, there are only two notices published for 2019 and three for 2020.



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: c

Source: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1963; http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Tender-No-41-47-TENDER-ADVERTS-2020.pdf

Comments: There were no tender specifications for any of the published tender notices. Prices are fixed in the tender notices for access to tender documents with no option provided for free access or download. The same applies to those published on the eTender Portal.

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)?

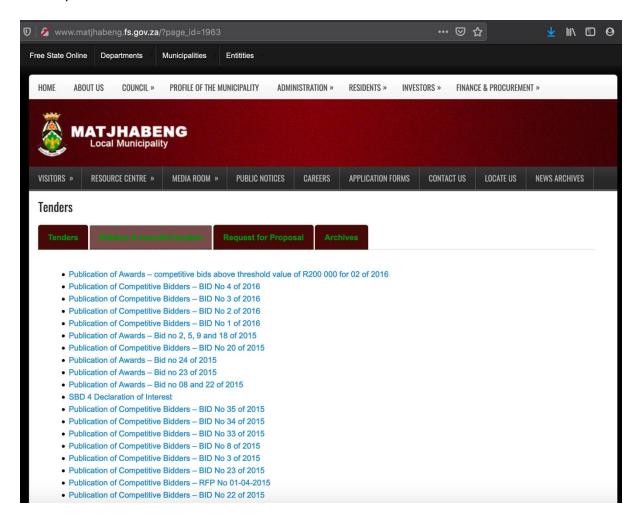
- a. Yes, the municipality publishes information about who wins tenders within five working days.
- b. Yes, the municipality publishes information about who wins tenders but after five working days or the list of names of companies or individuals who won the tender has obvious gaps or seems incomplete.

c. No, the municipality does not publish information about who wins tenders.

Answer: c

Source: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1406

Comments: Although the website has a section dedicated to "bidders & awarded tenders" there is no information on winners of tenders over the survey period. The only latest awards published are for the year 2016.



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: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1963

Comments: No tender specifications are available on the website or the portal (see question 3 above).

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: c

Source: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page id=1406

Comments: There is no information published indicating the prices of tenders on either the website of the portal.

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: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1406

Comments: No information is available on the website regarding project implementation.

8. Does the municipality publish procurement information on both its website and the eTender portal?

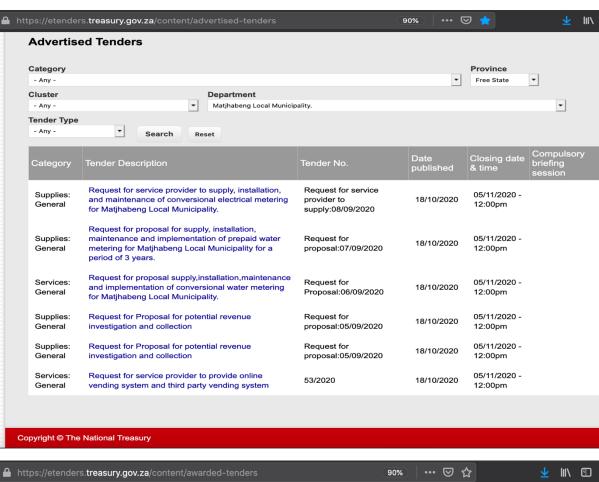
- a. Yes, the municipality publishes procurement information on both its website and the eTender portal.
- b. Yes, the municipality publishes procurement information on both its website and the eTender portal but the information on these two platforms does not correspond.
- c. No, the municipality only 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.

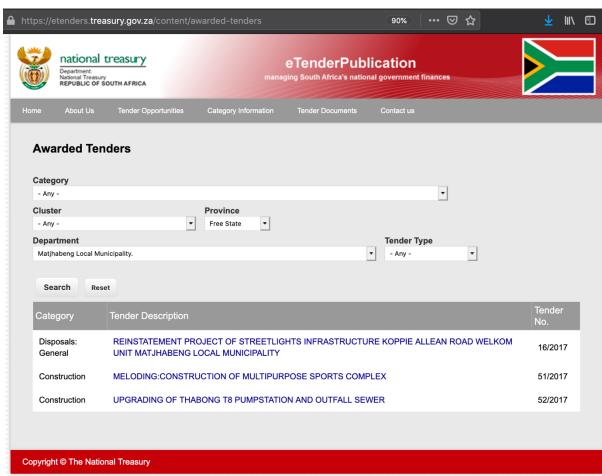
Answer: b

Source: http://www.matjhabeng.fs.gov.za/?page_id=1963; https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/advertised-tenders;

https://etenders.treasury.gov.za/content/awarded-tenders

Comments: Although procurement information can be found on both sites. None of the information on the website is on the portal and the information on the portal is not available on the website. For instance, there are no advertised tenders on the website published in the month of October 2020 (such as contained in the portal) and the latest list of awarded tenders on the website is from 2016 compared to the ones available on the portal from 2017.





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?
- 9. Navigation on the website was quite easy.
- b) Any tips on how the municipality could improve citizens' access to procurement information on its website?

The municipality needs to update and avail all procurement information on its website.

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

None identified.

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

None.