

### Global e-Government Procurement Architecture using Blockchain Technology

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### **Presentation Overview**

#### Context

**Problem Statement** 

Development of Global e-GP Architecture using Blockchain

Way forward

#### **Context....** Diffusion of Innovations Model



Adoption of e-GP will be all pervasive in the near future



### **Problem Statement**

## Problem Statement – Key problems

#### Verification of Bidders' Experience

- Need to manually verify work experience certificates. Complex in international transactions.
- Lack of a mechanism to interlink award of contracts published online in multiple e-GP systems

#### Verifying authenticity of Bank Guarantee

- Though bids are submitted online in e-GP systems, Bidders submit Bank Guarantee in manual format, especially when BG is submitted from a foreign Bank
- Verifying authenticity of Bank guarantees

## Problem Statement – Key problems

#### Contract awarded to overloaded supplier

• Supplier already overloaded with work is awarded more contracts

#### Verifying the quality of supplier / procuring entity

- Did the supplier execute the work in a timely manner
- Does a procuring entity make payment in time
- Quality rating of supplier / procuring entity

### Vision for the Global e-GP Architecture

To ensure data level interoperability for the development of:

• A de-duplicated Global Database of vendors

 An authenticated Global online repository of vendors' Experiences

 E-Performance Bank Guarantees submission in a Distributed e-GP System environment

## The Value of Blockchain Technology to Establish a Trusted Network

- IMMUTABILITY: A temper-proof shared ledger where records cannot be changed or removed by adversarial third parties.
- **CONSENSUS:** All network **participants agree on the rules** to create, validate, and accept transactions.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** Network participants own a duplicate copy of the ledger, which ensures them with **real-time access to all transaction data**.



A Shared or Distributed Ledger of e-GP transactions gets developed when e-GP systems publish transaction data in a standardized format confirming to prescribed protocols, which is verified and then added as authentic record in the Shared Ledger based on a de-centralized consensus mechanism.

# **Global Identification (GID) of Actors**

## E-GP Systems

#### Vendors

### **Commercial Banks**

It is proposed to build the e-GP Blockchain network on top of the existing couple of hundred e-GP systems located worldwide.

The identity of e-GP systems has to be verified and then a **unique Blockchain Network ID** will be issued.

Each system in the e-GP Blockchain network will be issued a **private-public key pair** generated from a central Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) server established specifically for the Blockchain network.

## Blockchain Basics – Creation of a Block



### Blockchain Basics – PKI Server

Private-public key pair issued to systems and users

URL to a file (e.g. BG) can be included in the transaction. Thus, files can be uploaded

Transactions are digitally signed and reported

Content to be signed is hashed. A hash of the content is signed. Authenticity of the transactions can be verified by any interested party

## Supplier GID Creation

#### **Overview of Supplier GID Creation Process**

GID not created				
e-GP System	Supplier Name	Supplier ID	GID	
e-GP System A24	DEF Limited	1212	?	
e-GP System A24	XYZ Limited	1213	?	
e-GP System A24	XYZ Limited	1214	?	
e-GP System A19	LMN Limited	1518	?	
e-GP System A19	XYZ Limited	7979	?	

After creation of GID				
e-GP System	Supplier Name	Supplier ID	GID	
e-GP System A24	DEF Limited	1212	54321	
e-GP System A24	XYZ Limited	1213	55256	
e-GP System A24	XYZ Limited	1214	55924	
e-GP System A19	LMN Limited	1518	54627	
e-GP System A19	XYZ Limited	7979	54548	

XYZ Limited has duplicated Supplier IDs





#### Request for GID creation comes from e-GP Systems

As the e-GP Blockchain server doesn't undertake any verification of user identity, a user with multiple user IDs in the source e-GP system will get a GID for each user ID it has in the e-GP system.

## **De-Duplication of GID**



## Overview of the Software Required



# **Online Referencing of Work Experiences**



Supplier XYZ Limited is identified by GID 55256 is all e-GP systems. Now the Supplier can pull all its experiences from e-GP Blockchain.

Supplier *de facto* maps all its user IDs to one single GID

## **Online Bank Guarantee Submission**

#### Authenticated Electronic Bank Guarantee Submission in e-GP Systems using Blockchain Technology



Bank, Supplier and e-GP System are all uniquely identified. It is just a matter of reporting BG as a Blockchain transaction. Note 2 types of BG: encrypted and open.

### Synergy between OCDS and e-GP Blockchain



It is proposed to verify transactions reported in the e-GP Blockchain vis-à-vis Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS)

#### Full Overview of the e-GP Blockchain Functions





## Benefit

- Performance Rating of Suppliers
- Simplified External IT System Integration
- Expedited Procurement and Reduced Transaction Costs
  - Real-time view of contracts pending completion, contract award information etc.
  - Online repository of work experience information





## Way Forward

Software requirements should be prepared

Establishment of a Governance mechanism

Close coordination with the Open Contracting Group

Development of the solution

**Pilot implementation** 

Global Roll out



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