Abstract

This research work looks for some empirical findings from the survey conducted regarding the factors of influence on e-Procurement system (the e-GP) in Bangladesh from users perspective. Following reform of public sector procurement which was started in Bangladesh in 2003, a transformational change was implemented in 2012 through a step forward from traditional paper-based system to electronic; the users are progressively being capable of benefiting from this. However some concerns were seen in public through experiences and media that the e-GP system has been confronting with some counter-productive factors although there are many supportive elements to take it forward. It was attempted here to understand those factors active in the move and counter-move of e-GP system as relevant to its users.

A questionnaire based online survey was conducted using the ‘survey monkey’ e-platform aiming the responses from e-GP users or those having substantial experience of procurement in public sector of Bangladesh.

Result reveals that a majority of factors such as Mobile phone based e-GP, Suppliers, Systems support and Top Management role, Efficient systems development, Good governance and Transparency with support from the management and technological provisions do favour the system substantially; while the other factors Red tape regulation and System security, Vested interests, Digital divide, Attitude of individuals, Organisational culture, Ethical values and Energy infrastructure do counter it which could harm the e-GP system seriously if not addressed properly.

Key words: Correlations, e-Procurement, e-Tender, Governance, Transparency.