OPEN CONTRACTING: SAVING MONEY, FAIRER BUSINESSES AND IMPROVED SERVICES

Governments spend a staggering $9,500,000,000,000 each year, over 15% of global GDP on contracts with private companies to provide goods, works, and services to citizens. Contracting may seem mundane, but it is vital to delivering public benefits, such as roads, schools, and hospitals.

Yet governments rarely know what they are buying, when, from whom, and whether they got a good price. A concentration of money, government discretion, and obscurity, makes public contracting governments’ number one corruption risk.

Open contracting transforms this spending through open data and user-driven engagement. No more yellowing piles of paper in government basements, but sharable, open data to drive analysis and action.

The result: better deals for governments, a level playing field for businesses, improved public integrity, and quality goods and services for citizens.
**OPEN CONTRACTING IS GAINING MOMENTUM**

- **Ukraine:** 13% savings through open government contracting
- **Slovakia:** 100% increase in bidders, 8% of citizens look at contracts
- **Nigeria:** Civil society monitoring government spending in health and education to contracts
- **Montreal:** A key resource for media and investigative journalists
- **Mexico City:** 14 million will have access to municipal contracts
- **The Philippines:** Costs of textbooks cut by half through citizen monitoring

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**GET STARTED**

The more data is disclosed and the more businesses and citizens are involved, the more the benefits of open contracting will kick in. Our help desk at data@open-contracting.org can assist. Here are our five steps to open up contracting:

1. **Assess**
2. **Commit & Engage**
3. **Share Data**
4. **Use**
5. **Innovate**

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**GET IN TOUCH**

The Open Contracting Partnership connects governments, civil society and business to open up and monitor public contracting. We support open contracting innovators worldwide across government, civil society and business. We work across sectors and along the whole chain of government contracting.

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