

**Press Release**

**ELCOT e – Market for online procurement of IT consumables**

The Government will soon introduce ELCOT e-Market for online procurement of IT hardware, related software and services by the Government Departments.

The Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology Dr. M. Manikandan made an announcement in the Legislative Assembly on 29.5.2018 that ELCOT e-Market for online procurement of electronic items will be introduced at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs. In order to implement the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister ELCOT e-Market online portal has been developed and is under testing. This online portal will be put in use soon.

ELCOT e-Market online portal will facilitate the Government Departments to procure IT hardware, related software and services online. The Departments can view the products and services available in ELCOT Rate Contract tenders, analyse, compare the specifications of the products and services among the approved vendors, rates, costs and order the required products and services. The Departments can generate the digitally or e-signed proforma invoice (Estimate) online according to their requirement, get administrative, financial sanction and provide funds for procurement. The Department can pay and track the transaction online till the conclusion of the order. The vendors also can transact their business, update the transactional data and track their transaction online from order to payment.

ELCOT is the optional procurement agency for the Government Departments to procure IT products and services. ELCOT provide procurement services in IT hardware, namely, servers, desktop computers,

laptop computers, printers, scanners, UPS, projectors, smart phones, IT consumables and all the network devices, Internet Protocol camera surveillance system, vehicle monitoring system, telemedicine equipment, etc. Presently, the existing ELCOT website has the details of tenders and rate contracts in PDF by category. The Department requiring proforma invoice has to write to ELCOT with details of requirement. ELCOT will generate the proforma invoice seeking funds and on receipt of funds the procurement, supply and other processes are taken up. To know the status the Departments have to contact ELCOT for update, till the end of procurement.

The ELCOT e-Market portal to be introduced soon will be a boon to the Government Departments for speedy procurement of IT hardware, related software and services. This will also ensure a single window shopping and transparency in transaction. The ELCOT e-Market portal has been developed and is in testing and will be put into use soon.

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