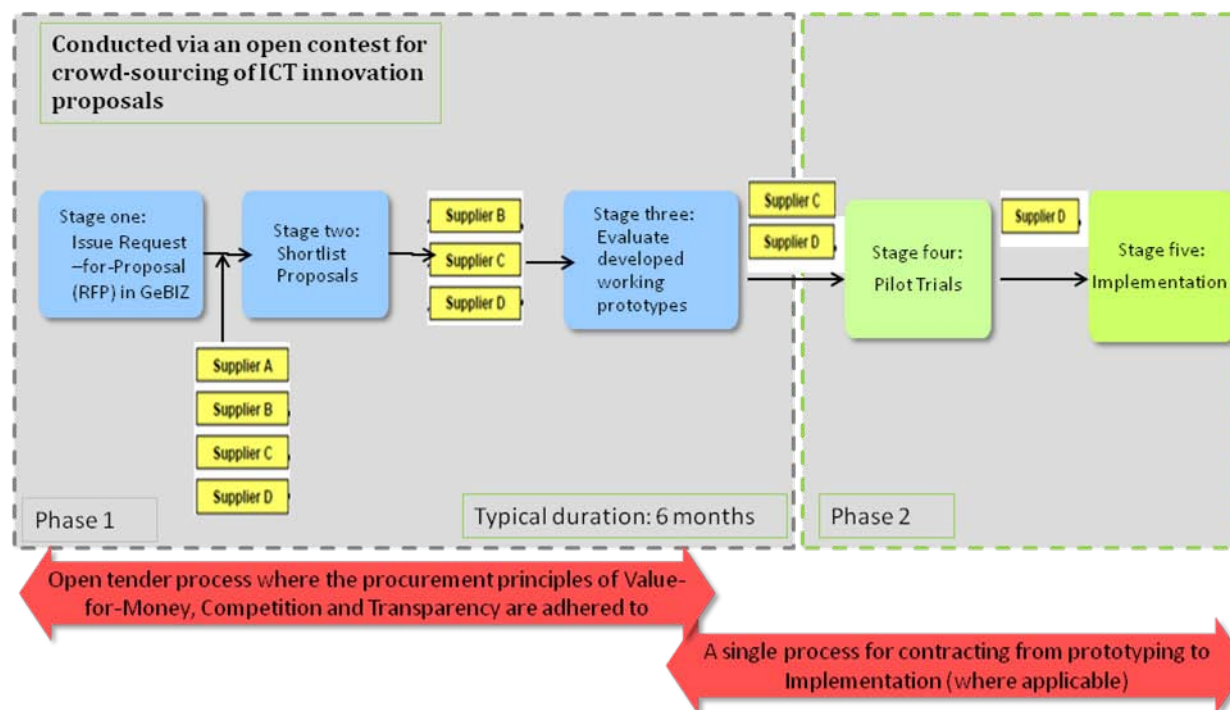


INNOVATION PROCUREMENT FOR SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT

Innovation is a critical tool in driving the economy and raising Singapore’s competitiveness. In view of this, the Singapore Government will pilot a process to encourage co-creation with the infocomm industry with the aim of acquiring ICT innovations faster to meet government objectives.

The **Innovation Procurement for ICT in Public Sector**, will allow flexibility for the infocomm industry to propose ICT innovations based on problem statements provided by the government agencies. The process has also been streamlined to allow the same suppliers who have completed successful technology prototyping or proof-of-concepts to be awarded contracts for pilots and initial rollout of the innovations with the government agencies.

The process, known as **Call-for-Solution (CFS)**, entails sourcing ICT innovations through the evaluation of working prototypes and awarding contracts by stages to one or more suppliers for assessing the selected innovative ICT solutions via a series of pilot trials when the preceding stage or pilot proves successful. Facilitated by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA), this process will allow government agencies to collaborate more closely with the industry on ICT innovation needs.



Infocomm local enterprises interested in productising and commercialising their proposed innovations can also approach IDA to explore existing government funding programmes. Applications are subject to qualifying criteria of each government funding programme.

Other benefits of the Innovation Procurement are as follows:

- The procurement lead time for agencies from sourcing of ideas/solutions to implementing them in their operating environments will be reduced.
- Suppliers will be drawn to participate in technology prototyping as efforts invested could potentially lead to a contract.
- The competition for prototyping will further drive innovation and ultimately benefit the end users, government agencies and the industry.

With improved coordination of supply and demand and risk sharing, the CFS will stimulate the ICT industry to be more innovative, and hence more competitive.

To kick-start the Innovation Procurement, the National Library Board (NLB) is planning to issue a **Call-for-Solution** to seek innovative ideas to improve library services by the third quarter of this year.

CFS opportunities can be accessed via GeBIZ in the third quarter of this year.

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