



E-Procurement as a New Trend in Hospitality Industry: A Descriptive Study in Egyptian Hotels

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Editorial Note

In lodging business, the technological applications are imaginative and spearheading when contrasted with different enterprises. E-Procurement is a decent case of the imaginative utilization of innovation in the hotel business. It is buying products and services over the web. Its further objective is to move the whole procurement process online, bringing operators together with their chosen wholesalers and empowering a streamlined and mechanized flow of the buying cycle. Today, a real objective of a hotel's SCM may be on proficiently applying Information Technology (IT) to its procurement systems. E-procurement is ordained will assume a progressively critical part in the best approach cordiality business may be led later on. It advances would not just a paramount administration tool, as well as an essential analytics part from SCM to those lodging industry. E-procurement may be an immediate outgrowth of the internet's capabilities, empowering organizations on allotment. Data from large portions sources, including their customers, financial organizations and suppliers. It simplifies the techniques of the request procedure what's more lessens base also transaction fetches. The main aim of the hotels purchasing management system is the efficient application of information technology to its purchasing process. The transformation from the manual purchasing process to the electronic purchasing process via internet, brings about significant improvement .

E- Procurement

Procurement defined as the purchasing, leasing or legal means of acquisition of the goods and services required to achieve needs at right time, from right supplies or service provider, at right quantities and at right price. The term of E-procurement is characterized from numerous points of view by researchers. According to Croom E-procurement as: the usage of facilitated correspondence systems for the lead of the most part of the buying procedure; a strategy that may merge stages from the hidden need recognizing confirmation by customer, through pursuit exchange, sourcing, demanding. Min characterized e-procurement process as Business to Business (B2B) purchasing practices that use e-commerce to recognize wellsprings of supply, to buy merchandise and enterprises, to exchange installment, and to cooperate with suppliers. It involves electronic fax, non-writing internet/web based approaches, voice communications and general email which are viewed as partial conventional e-procurement arrangements. The MA augmentation incorporates knowledge sharing, business, commercial transactions and information exchange between organizations. Specifically, e-procurement is the utilization of information technologies to encourage purchase exchanges for materials and services. Kalakos classified e- procurement into 3 types namely, transaction management to deal with the demand to payment process, brokerage such as using electronic exchanges and e-auctions, and electronic integration which may include shared information systems in the Supply Chain (SC). Six forms have been classified of e-procurement are presented by de Boer which are e-Maintenance Repair Operate (MRO), e-ordering, e-sourcing, web-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), e-informing, e-reverse auctioning/e-auctioning and e-tendering, order. Those approach for all the more propelled ICT, the Internet, offers those possibility will move past the restricted electronic data interchange procedures ill mechanize the information streams crosswise over the supply chain, Subsequently settling on an commitment to an additional multilateral data return and the encouraging for market-based exchanges On the whole transaction stages. Overall, e-business results as a rule need aid trying should upgrade SC viability. Also, effectiveness through the mechanization about business procedures.

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