South Africa's Competition Commission Develops an AI Bid-Rigging Screen for eTender Data With the University of Pretoria and Singapore's CCCS

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

South Africa's competition authority told Parliament in September 2026 it is building an AI tool, with University of Pretoria specialists and code from Singapore, to flag possible collusion in electronic public tenders. It is in development; indicators undisclosed.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-20

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