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In his doctoral thesis, Johan explores different aspects of public procurement. Among other things, it investigates how evaluating quality in public procurement affects small and medium-sized firms, and what causes bidders to apply for a court review of procurements. In collaboration with other researchers, one paper explores if spatial econometrics can be used to test for collusive bidding in public procurement auctions. Also in collaboration, statistics from the dataset are explored and summarized in one paper and, in another, a simple way of measuring the cost of bidding in public procurement is derived and tested.