



JAMAICA

Procurement & Asset Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance

1. **Short description - principal characteristics of Jamaica's procurement solutions**

The GoJ procurement system is governed by the Procurement Regulations (2008), the Procurement Policy (2008) and the Procedural Handbook (2010). All procuring entities are expected to conform to the rules and procedures outlined in these documents.

The Procurement & Asset Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance & Planning and the Office of the Contractor General have oversight responsibility for the GOJ Procurement system. Functional entities in the system include the National Contracts Commission, Cabinet, Infrastructure sub-committee, NCC Sector Committees and Procurement Committees. A Procurement Appeals mechanism has been established to facilitate contractors who claim to have suffered loss or injury due to a breach of the procurement procedures by the Procuring Entity.

2. **Achievements in the last year**

- i) An Electronic Government Procurement System is being pursued to automate procurement processes for greater efficiency. The Government of Jamaica and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) signed a technical cooperation in June 2011 for the implementation of an electronic government procurement system to strengthen the efficiency and quality of public procurement in Jamaica. This cooperation provides resources to finance the contracting of consulting services and procurement of goods necessary for the execution of the project.
- ii) MSME procurement Policy framework being pursued with the objective of increasing participation by MSME in public procurement opportunities.
- iii) Draft Procurement Law
- iv) Contractor-General (Registration and Classification of Contractors) Regulations drafted to legitimize the NCC's charge for conducting contractor registration.

3. **Plans 2012-2013**

- i) **Passing of Public Procurement Law** - The Discussion Draft of the Law is currently under review and is expected to be passed by the end of this financial year.
- ii) **Comprehensive Review of GOJ Public Procurement Process** - Consultant has been engaged to undertake a comprehensive review of the procurement system with a view to identifying weaknesses, bottlenecks and recommend improvements for the efficiency of the system.
- iii) MSME procurement Policy framework to be established.
- iv) ***Tender for Electronic Government Procurement System*** Review of the National Contracts Commission (NCC) Registration Process.