

MODERNISATION OF BARBADOS NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Collaborative Procurement Workshop

April 12-13, 2011

Montego Bay, Jamaica

Background- Rationale for programme

Country Procurement Assessment Report was undertaken in 2004 by CARICOM with support of CIDA ,CDA and IDB

The CPAR found that the legal framework lacked the essential elements of a well functioning procurement system e.g. transparency,openess and due process principles

Documentation governing Public Procurement is rooted in regulations and administrative guidelines derived from umbrella Financial Administration and Audit Act

The CPAR also identified other weakness including:

- ❖ Variances of practices across public sector agencies
- ❖ Lack of Standard Bidding Documents
- ❖ Lack of Training of Procurement professionals
- ❖ Deficiencies in the Institutional arrangements
- ❖ Lack of formal comprehensive procedural framework

Barbados has set high priority to:

Increase economic competitiveness

Improve international trade

Implement CSME – Government Procurement
(harmonization)

Consequently, the Government committed to the Modernization of the Barbados National Procurement System, primarily with funding from the Inter-American Development Bank.

The overall objective of the programme is to support the Government in modernizing its national procurement system. Specifically, it seeks to improve the effectiveness of public procurement, save money through competitive prices and reduce process time, while ensuring transparency and integrity of the system

Project Details

Start Date	April 1, 2009
Completion date	March 30, 2014

Cost and Financing

Total Cost	5,950,000
IDB	5,000,000
GOB	950,000

Project Structure

The Project consist of four components consisting of a number of products and activities

It would provide for the procurement of consultancy services, goods, limited amount of works and training programmes

Project Components

Component I – Public procurement regulatory framework strengthened): adoption of a procurement policy to provide guidance to procuring agencies

Development of procurement guidelines, handbook and standard bid documents

Drafting of a dedicated procurement act and regulations

Component II - Procurement operations and marketplace improved: to provide on-going support to stakeholders handling public procurement

Create and staff procurement policy unit (PPU) within MOF as the functional normative body of public procurement in Barbados

Strengthen central purchasing department (CPD); strengthen procuring entities (ministries, tender committee, statutory bodies, supplier community)

Component II will finance:

Physical cost of establishing the PPU;
PPU salaries (local counterpart) & their training

Consultancy in supply chain management for CPD

Training of procuring entities

Component III – Procurement institutional capacity: initiate and implement a public procurement career stream within the civil service and establish a sustainable and on-going training programme

PPU & CPD organizational structures and job descriptions

Develop a career stream in procurement

Permanent training programme in public procurement

Component IV – IT infrastructure modernized & updated establishment of an e-tendering system throughout procurement sub-systems in Barbados

IT modernization plan developed & implemented

E-procurement system developed & implemented

Status of Programme

Strategic IT Plan Developed

BNPS has been assessed using the
OECD DAC methodology

Draft Procurement Guidelines and SBD
which are being reviewed

Draft Act and Regulations

Draft Strategy for Strengthening of
procurement capacity(includes PPU and
other institutional reforms

Next Steps

- Secure approval of the Cabinet for documents and legislation
- Implement new Institutional framework
- Implement a Capacity Development Programme(suppliers and state employees)
- Conduct an Assessment of E-Procurement Systems
- Implement E-Procurement System
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