



Government Procurement Update- Antigua & Barbuda (2012-2013)

Local Development:

Antigua and Barbuda continues to undertake the necessary institutional and capacity building processes required for the effective enforcement of the recently passed legislation entitled ***The Procurement and Contract Administration Act, 2011***. In light of the above, the procurement process continues to be governed by the ***Tenders Board Act, 1991***. The Board is chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Public Administration; Antigua and Barbuda

Regional Development:

As it relates to government procurement at the regional level, that is among all CARICOM Member States, the protocol governing the FRIP, The Framework Regional Integration Policy on Government Procurement is currently being reviewed by the various hierarchical bodies within the CARICOM structure with the objective of gaining final approval from all Member States. This protocol is expected to govern procurement operations within all member states.

International Development:

Under the regional integration umbrella of CARICOM, Antigua and Barbuda is currently engaged with the Government of Canada for the establishment of the CARICOM/Canada Trade and Development Agreement which is expected to encompass a chapter on Government Procurement. A proposed chapter is currently being reviewed and intrinsic issues have been negotiated in an effort to gain full agreement on the chapter. This proposed trade and development agreement is labeled to replace the WTO sanctioned general preference system regime currently in operation among Canada and CARICOM Member States.