

MESICIC QUESTIONNAIRE FIFTH ROUND THE BAHAMAS

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICE

Measure A:

- The specific actions that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation is the establishment of Financial Administration and Audit Act, (1975) (FAA), CH.359 Section 56, 57, 58 & 59. This Act established the Government Tenders Board and outlines measures that are to be adopted by government agencies and the country to regularize the procurement of goods and services.
- Website: [Bahamas Government Laws Online/Statue Laws of The Bahamas](#)

Measure B

- The proposed Public Procurement Bill , 2018 specifically addresses the consideration for the appointment of private individuals outside of the Public Service and Government to the Government Tenders Board.
- E.g.1. Bahamas Chamber of Commerce;
- 2. Any other professional body recognised by the Government

Measure C

- Invitations for tenders are published through The Bahamas Government's website in the local media and also with the assistance of the Inter-American Development, Caribbean Development Bank when a project relates to or is being funded by the bank.
- There are two basic methods of procurement in The Bahamas:
 - Public Tendering where all interested members of the public are invited to submit bids, despite any pre-requisites. The invitations are advertised via the print media and Government's website – www.bahamas.gov.bs;
 - Select Tendering which is done when there is specialized services to be provided and contractors who meet the relevant criteria/prerequisite are known to the Government Agencies.

Measure D

- The Tender Bid documents are published in the local media with the specific instructions. They are also published on the Government's website and assistance is also available from various international agencies for publication i.e. IDB, CDB.
- The Tender Document outlines the specific closing date and time for submission of bid.
- Instructions are indicated for bidders to submit original and two copies of documents address to the Chairman of the Tenders Board and deposited in the Tenders Board box located at the Ministry of Finance.

Measure E

- In February, 2018 the Government of The Bahamas implemented an eProcurement and Supplier Registry which will allow suppliers to obtain information with regards to procurement opportunities, pre-bidding terms and conditions.
- The system also allow suppliers to submit queries and receive comments regarding procurement of goods and services.

Measure F

- Selective Tender shall satisfy conditions for Public Tender and may be identified, in the first instance, by the Project Officer on the basis of history of performance of the contractor with similar works. The initial list is subject to administrative consideration by routing through the Head of Section, Deputy Director, Director of Public Works, Permanent Secretary and Minister. Changes to the list may be recommended by any of the administrative officers with the final decision being made by the Minister.
- In Section 30 of the proposed Public Procurement Bill (2018) - **Limited Bidding** outlines and justifies the selection of sole contractor without competitive bidding.

Measure G

- The selection factors or criteria used for the evaluation of bids:
 1. Knowledge of work scoped
 2. Submission of all required documents
 3. Contractor is Tax Compliant
 4. Bid amount is inline with Ministries in-house estimates
 5. Historical performance of Contractor

Measure H

- Tender Evaluations presented to the Tenders Board must contain a comparative analysis table, the selection criteria, scope of works, the experience and/or capability of the contractors, the in-house estimate, justification for the procurement of the services/goods, justification by the procurement entity and recommendations, and also ensure all contractors are Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Section 49 of the proposed Public Procurement Bill 2018 address Examination and Evaluation of bids.

Measure I

- Under the Financial Regulations found in Chapter 359 Section 21 of the Financial Administrative and Audit Act (Commencement 14th February, 1975) the threshold \$50,000 remains.
- The thresholds are under review under the following sections in the Public Procurement Bill (2018)
- Section 13 - **Duties and powers of Board.**
- Section 14 - **Functions of procuring entities.**

Measure J

- Currently no awards of contracts are published.
- The new eProcurement system website will allow suppliers/vendors to obtain information and response through the <https://suppliers.gov.bs/> website._
- The system will automatically publish the successful vendors.

Measure K

- The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (GOB) has embarked on an initiative to modernize the Government's procurement systems to be more aligned to regional and international standards including new provisions for promoting the participation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- Having received funding equivalent to US\$331,396 from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the GOB contracted consulting services which prepared "AS IS" and "TO BE" structures, and prepare scope of works for the designs and implemented Electronic Procurement and Supplier Registry System.

Measure I

- The Constitution of The Bahamas, Article 136, and Part III (FAAA) authorizes the Auditor General and the Director of Internal Audit to have oversight of the government audits.

Measure M

- Currently there are no enforcement measures undertaken to punish public officers undertaken however the (FAAA), Section 27 outlines provisions for surcharge against any person in the relevant amount for non-compliance.
- Section 74 of the proposed Public Procurement Bill, 2018 will outline measures for enforcement.

Measure N

- The e-Procurement and Supplier Registry website will be accessible to all government registered Vendors and the general public with an interest in government tendering process.
- Full access will be available for both buyers and suppliers. Registered Suppliers will receive notifications about procurement opportunities and complete all stages of the tendering process electronically.
- Status of bids and awards of contracts will also be published on the website.

Measure O

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- The eProcurement system will be utilized to procure goods and services throughout Government. This system will track all activities on procurement.

Measure P

- The electronic registry of suppliers and MSMEs is intended to respond to the expressed needs and expectations of public agencies and private sector stakeholders. Such stakeholder groups include but are not limited to officials in various government agencies from whom primary and secondary source data that relates to procurement was collected.
- In addition to the above, this project to create, and adopt an electronic registry of suppliers and MSMEs will use information technology to integrate the GTB procurement processes, enhance transparency and ensure efficiency, and effectiveness throughout the system.
- Moreover, this project will facilitate alignment of regional and international standards in the area of procurement. This supports the MIF's prolonged efforts in promoting the competitiveness of MSMEs through building capacity, providing opportunities, and removing barriers to entry.

Measure Q

- In accordance with the proposed Public Procurement Bill, 2018, Section 54-56, a procurement entity shall disqualify a bidder if the procuring entity finds that the information submitted in a bid concerning the bidder's qualifications is false and misleading, etc.,

Measure R

- Currently there is no established citizen overseers or watchdogs to monitor the execution of contracts.
- It is proposed in Section 12 of the Public Procurement Bill (2018) to facilitate the participation of citizen overseers.
- E,g. Bahamas Institute of Professional Engineers
Bahamas Contractors Associations

Measure S

- Currently there is no provisions for responding to challenges and appeals.
- Section 59 in the proposed Public Procurement Bill (2018) to facilitate provision for a Procurement Review Tribunal.

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- The Procurement Bill, 2018 will address all areas in measures A and S. The Bill will outline the following areas:
- **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES**
- **PROCUREMENT PLANNING AND METHODS**
- **BIDDING PROCESS**
- **CHALLENGES AND APPEAL**
- **DEBARMENT PROCEDURE**
- **MISCELLANEOUS (Confidentiality, Conflicts of interest, Offences, Annual Reports etc)**

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- The Procurement Bill, 2018 will address will encompass all three branches of government.

- The e-Procurement and Suppliers Registry was established February 2018. At present 208 vendors are registered in the system.

The URL for the website is www.suppliers.gov.bs




THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS

EPROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIER REGISTRY PORTAL

Login / Registration






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GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS
ePROCUREMENT & SUPPLIERS REGISTRY SYSTEM

ACCOUNTABILITY

BUYER ACTIVITIES ARE TRACKED BY EPSR SYSTEM.

 Search Opportunities
  News
  Help & FAQs
  Contact
  Media Centre

System Admin

- Tending Buyers
- Review Suppliers
- User Search
- Organisation Search
- Blacklisted Suppliers
- Greylisted Suppliers
- Watchlisted Suppliers
- Reports
- System Alerts
- Index
- Index Notices
- User Activity Log
- Sessions
- Reset User Access Contexts
- Calendar

Tags

Calendar (new tab)

Consortia

Connection Pool Stats

Supplier Search Results

Select: All | None Bulk Actions Go

| Select | Company Name | Location | Profile Status | Date Published | Last Updated Date | Organisation Status | View |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bahamas business solutions limited | Nassau | Registered | | 22/03/2018 | Approved | View Organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Caribay cuisine | Nassau | Registered | | | Approved | View Organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coach and carriage | Nassau | Registered | | | Approved | View Organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | K & j distributors | New providence | Registered | | | Approved | View Organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | D'vanya's manufacturing | Nassau | Registered | | | Approved | View Organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Micronet limited | Nassau | Registered | | | Approved | View Organisation |
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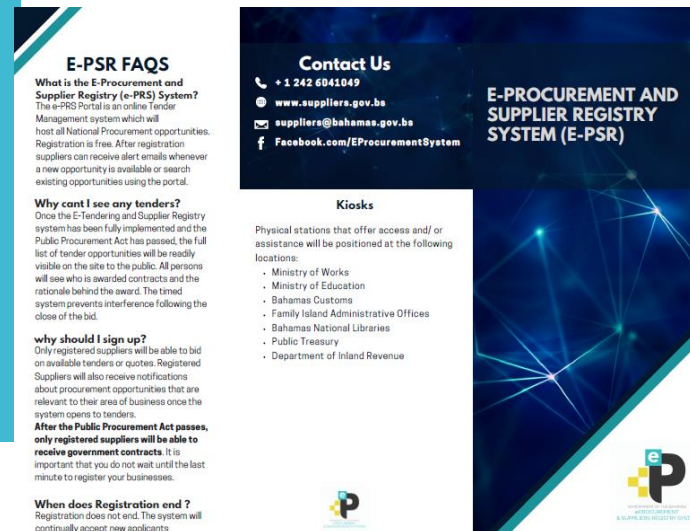
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Training :

Currently eight (8) Train the Trainers have been assigned to facilitate training with relevant stakeholders and government officials on the eProcurement and Supplier Registry System.

THE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REFORM (PFM/PMR) PROJECT



COMPONENT IV: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT E-PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIER REGISTRY WORKSHOP AGENDA

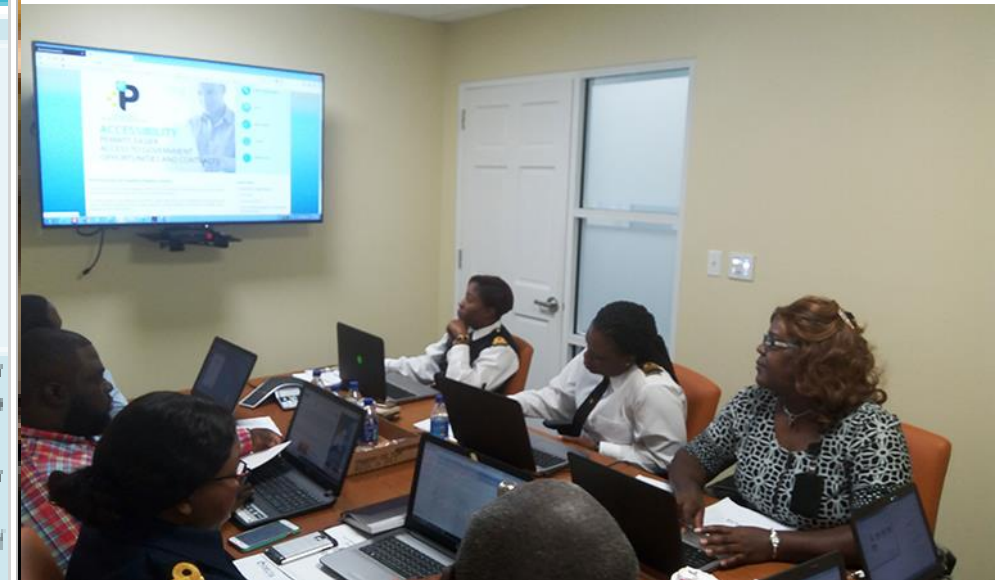


MELIA HOTEL
JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2

Morning Session 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Afternoon Session 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM



| Training Name: eProcurement & Supplier Registry | |
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| Training Type | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Simulation <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation |
| Instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jannette Pratt (Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture)David Curry (Treasury)Anthony Cartwright (Treasury)Andrew Cean (Ministry of Youth, Sports & Culture)Jannette Cooper-Munroe (Customs)Shanita Rolle-Buraby (Customs)Lowell Russell (RDOF)Ernestine Cleare (RDOF) (Instructor responsible for the Training) |
| Training Goals | <ol style="list-style-type: none">To provide training of the eProcurement & Supplier Registry System (ePSR) to Buyers within The Government of The Bahamas.To provide awareness of the eProcurement & Supplier Registry System to Suppliers within The Bahamas.To bring awareness of the ePSR System to members of the general public, within The Bahamas.To facilitate Buyer & Supplier Registration. |



Difficulties
encountered in the
implementation
processes:

- During the Tendering process to procure a firm for the eProcurement and Supplier Registry website there were no set back.

Technical Cooperation Needs

- Under the Public Financial Management and Performance Monitoring Reform Component 4 – Procurement technical assistance and funding is provided.
- Phase 2 is under review to include the following:
 - Payment module and Inventory module.
 - Integration with the Treasury Financial Management system (Masterpiece)
 - Gateway Management
 - Full Tendering module
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Results

- Statistical data is not publicly available on the award of contracts by public tendering, selective tendering or sole contractors.
- Currently, the Tender documents are filed within the Ministry of Finance Registry by date of meetings and contract awards are listed and attached to each Tenders Board meeting file.