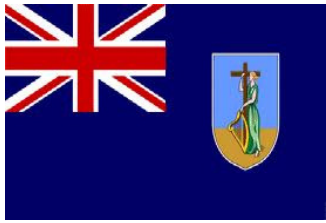


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PROCUREMENT POLICY

BACKGROUND

The authority for developing a protocol on Government Procurement is Article 239 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Article 239 mandates that CARICOM Member States elaborate a regime for Government Procurement within the Single Market (CSME). This will be achieved through the negotiation of obligations and rights to be contained within the Protocol which is to be integrated into the Revised Treaty.

The first stage of building a regime for government procurement consistent with the CSME began in 2001. Two studies were done within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in order to develop the scope of the Community Policy on Government Procurement. One study was financed by the IDB and managed by the CARICOM Secretariat. A second study was funded by the EU as part of the work of the RPTF which was charged with preparing background information to negotiate the EPA.

The outputs informed the preparation of the first draft of the ***Framework Regional Integration Policy on Public Procurement (FRIP) 2006***.

Meetings of procurement officials since 2006 have considered all aspects of the policy document. The fourth, fifth and sixth meetings of CARICOM procurement officials have dealt primarily with concluding the threshold policy. Satisfied that extensive deliberations had lead to proposals for contract value thresholds that would ensure adequate policy space in each Member State, take into account micro, small and medium enterprises, and generally reflect the needs of the various procurement systems within CARICOM, senior procurement officials recommended the fourth draft of the ***Framework Regional Integration Policy on Public Procurement (FRIP)*** to the Thirty-Second meeting of the COTED for approval.

The policy was adopted by the COTED and instructions were given for the drafting of a protocol to amend the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and fulfill part of Article 239 – The built-in Agenda.

OBJECTIVE

With the approval of the Framework Regional Integration Policy on Public Procurement at the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) in May, National Consultations and Workshops on the Policy and its contents including the thirty (30) substantive provisions are critical to train and inform public officers and the private sector to administer and operate in a single procurement market and are required as part of the IDB funded Project: Regional Integration of Public Procurement in the Caribbean.



**Draft Consultations on Public Procurement
Framework Regional Integration Policy on Public procurement (FRIP)
Montserrat
3-4 October, 2011**

Day One – 3rd October, 2011 – Permanent Secretaries and Public Officers

Morning Session

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

PM, Ministry of Trade or Finance

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Sharlene Shillingford McKlmon – Deputy Programme Manager

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LUNCH

Afternoon Session

1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

POLICY – (b) Substantive Provisions

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(c) Current Status

(d) Next Steps - Binding Commitments of the

Community and Member States

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3:00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Q&A on Substantive Provisions and Binding Commitments



Day Two –4th October, 2011 - Private Sector

Morning Session

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Chamber of Commerce

9:30a.m. –10:00 a.m.

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