

CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT





"More than just buying stuff" New Procurement Regime Cayman Islands Government Peter Gough JP





The Old Way

- Open tendering only
- RFP advertised in the newspaper
- Sealed envelopes delivered
- Open by Central Tenders Committee
- Copies Made
- Technical Advisory Committees formed, provide recommendation
- Central Tenders Committee recommend award to Manager



Introduction

- Procurement of goods, works and services is a major component of the Governments expenditure it is the second-largest category of expenditure of \$720 million after human resources.
 - Supplies and Consumables 27% of total expenditure
 - Personnel Costs 49% of total expenditure
- CIG has **55** HR professionals only **2** Procurement professional
- New procurement law & regulations 1 May 2018 3



Auditor General Observations

Two reports from Office of Auditor General in 2011 cited:

- Value for Money not realized
- Lack of transparency
- No procurement expertise
- Political interference
- Risk of **Fraud and corruption**
- Board involvement in procurement
- Lack of corporate procurement information

- No fundamental principles for procurement
- No policy for local business development
- No business cases for procurement
- No code of conduct for persons involved in procurement
- Only one procurement method (open tendering)





Objectives of the new Law and Regulations

- Improving Governance
- Increasing Transparency
- Improving Reporting
- Limiting political involvement to the policy level
- Improving Value for money
- Providing different procurement methods
- Improving procurement management information

- Developing a Procurement Code of Conduct
- Developing a Local business development strategy



CIG- Definition of Procurement

- Procurement is the whole process of acquisition from third parties and all covers goods and services
- Spans the whole life cycle from initial concept through to the end of life of an asset or end of services contract.

New Central Procurement Office

Two person Central Procurement Office

- **Developing** regulations, policy, related documents and procedures
- Training and guiding all Public Officials
- **Ensuring** laws, regs, policies & procedures are accessible
- Monitoring compliance
- Advising the Public and the Entity Procurement Committees
- Compiling statistics on government wide procurement
- Move to eProcurement



Procurement Exceptions

- Procurement between entities;
- Procurement during emergency situations;
- Contracting for employment;
- Acquisition or disposition of land
- Education, accreditation

or conferences

- Postage and subscriptions for newspapers, magazines and periodicals
- Purchases from regulated utilities



Role of the Cabinet (Politicians)

- To formulate and implement procurement policy that promotes the government's economic and social objectives.
- No involvement in procurement decisions



Public Procurement Committee (PPC)

- Governor appoints Chair + three members (Advice of **Premier**)
 - not be public servants (one to be attorney at law)
- Leader of the Opposition recommends one member
 - not public servant
- **Deputy Governor recommends three civil service** members 10



Role of Public Procurement Committee

Provides external oversight of the public procurement process

- thresholds \$250,000 +
- Reviews business case
- Reviews solicitation **documents** to ensure it represents the business case
- Receives and receipts bid submissions \$250,000 +
- **Ensures fairness, impartiality and confidentiality** in the treatment of bid submissions in its possession
- Agree **sole source** procurement



Role of the Entity Procurement

Committee Chief Officer appoints a chairman and minimum of 2 persons

- Thresholds \$100,000 to \$250,000
- Reviews business case where required
- Reviews solicitation **documents** to business case
- Receives and receipts bid submissions \$100,000 to \$250,000
- **Ensures fairness, impartiality and confidentiality** in the treatment of bid submissions in its possession
- **Provides technical evaluation** to PPC for bids over \$250,000
- Agree **sole source** procurement



Procurement Code of Conduct

Addresses conflict of interest;

- **Governs the conduct** of Public Officials involved in procurement
- **Governs the conduct** of suppliers seeking to do business with government
- A **breach** of the code of conduct by a public servant will constitute **grounds for disciplinary action**
- A breach of the code of conduct by a supplier will constitute grounds for sanctions to be applied which may preclude them from future government bidding opportunities



Project Appraisal and Business Case Requirement

- Below \$100K no formal business case is required
- Between \$100K to < \$250K a written business case is to be submitted in the format specified by the Chief Officer
- \$250K or greater a written business case is to be submitted in a specified the format
- \$10M + a written

business case, local impact assessment and industry consultation is required and is submitted for review to the **Public Sector Investment Committee** (PSIC



Direct Award Process or Sole Source

- A Direct Award process, is where the contract is awarded without using a competitive process to a pre-identified supplier
- It must be documented and justified
- Approval for commencing the Direct Award process must be obtained by the PPC or EPC
- Over \$100K requires the approval by the PPC or EPC dependent on threshold
- Must be publicly reported within 30 days



Direct Award Process

Exceptions to competitive process:

- **One-of-a-Kind:** goods or service has no competitive product and is available from one source
- Compatibility and Continuity: goods or service must match existing brand
- **Replacement part/item:** replacement part/item for a specific brand
- **Unique design;** goods or service only one supplier;
- Public interest; Where goods or services are confidential and could compromise defense, security, or public safety 16



Cayman Islands Economic Development Preference

- Assess value for money, the Avoiding use of restrictive broader socio-economic impact and benefits
- **Solicit bids** from Cayman registered companies, where adequate local capability exists
- Informing the local supplier community of upcoming procurement projects

specifications which may preclude capable suppliers



Public Notice of Opportunity

All procurements are to be:

- Publicly advertised on a website designated by the CPO
- Open for a minimum of 15 days (clock starts at time of advertisement)
- Supplemental advertising locally is an option



Competitive Procurement Methods

- Open tendering;
- Restricted tendering;
- Request for quotations;
- Request for proposals without negotiation;
- Two-stage tendering;
- Requests for proposals with dialogue;
- Request for proposals with consecutive negotiations;
- Competitive negotiations;
- Electronic reverse auction.



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Reverse Auction Report

EASiBuy has partnered with the Cayman Islands Government, delivering innovative reverse auction technology to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings on a variety of procurement projects.

\$547K savings opportunity on \$1.78M in budgeted spend

Office Supplies 200K Baseline spend of \$624k with 2 vendors 33% savings participating, resulting in over 1840 bids and 51 lead changes. **Network Modernization** \$142K 36% & Firewall savings Baseline spend of \$400k with 5 vendors participating, resulting in over 100 bids and 28 lead changes. Laptops, Desktops, Tablets \$120K Baseline spend of \$505k with 7 vendors 24% savings participating, resulting in over 151 bids. **Network Infrastructure** 85K Baseline spend of \$250k with 4 vendors 34% savinas participating, resulting in 86 bids.

* Savings opportunities based on best offer received



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Cayman Islands Potential

	est annual spend	potential savings	demonstrated performance
Pharmaceuticals	\$8.8M	\$2.2M	25%
Medical & Surgical Supplies	\$3.1M	\$799K	





- Orbidder drafts solicitation document using series of carefully designed questions
- Orbidder creates a customized RFP for each project.
- Orbidder instantly assembles the final tendering document





- Online vendor portal to solicit and receive submissions.
- Evaluation tools and workflows to engage stakeholders.
- Contract and performance management to centralize contract documents
- Portal for all procurement information



Acceptance of Bids

Authority to award contracts:

- **<\$100K** the **approval** of the **Head of Department** responsible and their **Chief Officer** is required
- At \$100K to < \$250K the Chief Officer may approve on the advice of the Entity Procurement Committee
- At \$250K or greater the Chief Officer may approve on the advice of the Public Procurement Committee.



Debriefing Bidders

- Unsuccessful suppliers can request debriefing within 30 days of the supplier's request,
- Focus on how the supplier was evaluated against the evaluation criteria and **not other bids**
- Not an appeal of negotiation
- Purpose is to assist suppliers to bid more competitively in the future



Publication of Contract Award

Publication within **30 days of award** of contract must be published on the website.

Information includes:

- the name of entity;
- a description of the goods or services being procured;
- the name of the successful bidder;
- the total contract value.

Below \$10K a notice of award will be published within



Environmental Impact of eProcurement on Government in 18 months

Saved 531,382 Sheets of Paper

=106 boxes of saved

=1062 Reams saved

=35 Trees saved

Environmental Impact of eProcurement on suppliers

= 100 Trees saved











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