



Iraq Business Community Procurement Workshop—Petra, Jordan 14-16, 2006



Contractors & Vendors Event

The World Bank in Cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Planning and Development Corporation & Iraqi Contractors Union



II. Participants

The workshop was attended by 34 local participants representing a wide spectrum of local private contracting firms, vendors, Iraqi Contractors Union and 6 participants from the MOPDC-private sector Directorate as well as the Contracts Directorate. The participants came from different parts of Iraq including the Kurdistan region. The workshop was also attended by two representatives from JBIC. A representative from JBIC also gave a presentation on JBIC procurement procedures.

I Introduction

The Iraq Business Community Procurement Workshop was conducted during the period November 14-16, 2006 in Petra, Jordan as part of the Iraq Public Procurement System Reform Project financed under the Iraq Trust Fund-- Capacity Building II and in coordination with the Iraqi Ministry of Planning and Development Corporation (project Inter-ministerial Working Group) and the Iraqi Contractors' Union. This workshop is first of its kind sponsored by the World Bank (WB) to strengthen the capacity of the Iraqi Private local contracting firms and vendors in procurement of works and goods. The workshop was opened on behalf of H.E. Mr. Ali Baban, Minister of Planning by Ms. Aida Atto and on behalf of the Bank by Mr. Ziad Badr, Head of WB Mission in Amman, Jordan. At the end of the workshop, the participants received attendance certificates and evaluated the workshop.

III Workshop Objectives

The workshop was designed to achieve the following objectives: A) Introduction of the World Bank, its Procurement Guidelines and the importance of sound public procurement practices to achieve economy, efficiency, fairness, and transparency; B) Discussion of procurement methods for works and goods contracts, and understanding the works bidding document; C) Improving skills in preparation of bids and understanding the procedures for bid submission, evaluation, contract award and discussion; D) Construction management and risk management; and E) discussion of fraud and corruptions issues and the role of the integrity department at the WB in the fight against corruption in WB financed projects; and how payments to contractors and vendors are done. The participants expressed their satisfaction of the workshop and have rated the workshop at 4.06 on a scale of 5.

IV Speakers

The speakers were: Majed M. El-Bayya, Sr. procurement specialist and TTL for the activity, Nadjib Sefta; Regional Procurement Manager for MENA, Michael Ochieng; Lead Finance officer, Jonathan Shapiro, Sr. Institutional Integrity officer, Mona El-Shami, financial management specialist, from JBIC Mr. Yo Ebisawa, from Dar Al Handasa Mr. Suhail Mdanat and From Kufan Mr. Maytham H. Al-Asadi.