Forthcoming Meeting

Special Track CIB World Building Congress for W092 - Procurement Systems

Sustainability and Value Through Construction Procurement

Call for Papers for A Special Track of W092 with Task Group TG58:

- Working Commission (W092) - Procurement Systems
- Task Group TG58 - Clients and Construction Innovation

The theme will bring together researchers, policy makers and practitioners to share their research, knowledge and experiences of construction procurement. The purpose of the special track will be to report, review and speculate on the pursuit of sustainability and value through construction procurement.

The main theme includes:

- the use of procurement to deliver wider sustainability (social, environmental, and economic) goals,
- the use of procurement to help maximize the value jointly created by the stakeholders to construction, and the equitable distribution of the resulting rewards, and,
- how public and private sector procurement is currently being used to help mitigate the worst effects of the world economic recession.

The implementation of procurement strategies are rarely culturally neutral exercises, so the cultural issues that can hinder successful implementation will also be addressed.

The Coordinators invite papers from both researchers and practitioners. The coordinators are interested in both theoretical and empirical papers covering a range of themes, including and not limited to:

- Understanding Construction Markets and Competition
  - Structural and cultural configurations of the construction sector
  - Present and future scenarios for construction procurement
  - Supply and demand conditions: aggregation
- Public Construction Procurement
  - Developing and Developed Countries - reform agendas, capacity issues
  - Institutions, legal processes, procedures, administration
  - Transparency and accountability
- Policy Through Procurement
  - Social and Community Benefits
  - Economic and Environmental Benefits
- Clients and their role in procurement and innovation
- Determining mechanisms for client engagement
- Client experiences of newer procurement strategies

- Construction and Facility Management - Procurement Issues
- From product procurement to product-service procurement
- Product upgrading, refurbishment, and re-manufacture and use for different purposes
- Supplier arrangements

- Integrated Procurement Strategies
- Supply Chain Management
- Partnering
- Framework Agreements/Contracts

Procurement strategies in different sectors - commercial, housing, regeneration, health, prisons, education.

- Value Procurement - Strategies and Processes
  - Briefing and defining values
  - Pre-qualification criteria
  - Appointment of design and constructor teams
  - Quality-Price mechanisms

- Conflict Management and procurement systems
  - Procurement strategy as means of avoiding conflict

Theoretical Perspectives on Procurement (all areas welcome)

Selected papers will be invited to submit to a special edition of the Journal of Construction Procurement.

Abstract Submission

The extended deadline for abstract submission is 10th July 2009. All the abstracts for the CIB 2010 congress are to be submitted online. Visit the "abstract submission" page in the congress website: www.cib2010.org for information about the process.

If you need further assistance with this process, please contact Kaushal Keramiyage on Kaushal@cib2010.org.

Note: If you are a postgraduate researcher planning to attend and present your paper at the World congress 2010, in order for you to be eligible for special student rate and to benefit from a wide range of postgraduate research related World Congress activities, please indicate that in the abstract submission form by answering the relevant question(s).

Additional Information

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You can find more information on the activities of CIB W092 / TG58 at www.cibworld.nl - Databases - select "Go to Database" – in the shown search engine: type W092 / TG58 in the field "Commission number".