

## **Government ICT Procurement Policy Forum Info Sheet**

### Background

Since the Government began to outsource its ICT projects in 1999, the industry has long expressed its discontent with the procurement policy. To urge the Government to address the needs of the industry, from May 2007 to August 2007, together with CAHK, HKCS, HKITF, ISIA, and WTIA, the Office of Mr. Sin Chung Kai conducted an industry survey to consolidate opinions from the industry. The survey was conducted in the form of questionnaire and 31 completed questionnaires were received.

Among all policy areas, the unlimited liability regime (48%) is the area with the highest number of respondents would like to see a change. Selection criteria (31%) is the policy area with the second highest.

Other identified issues include assessment on project objectives for staged payments, preparation time for technical demonstration, remuneration for out-of-scope tasks etc.

The arrangement of Government ICT project outsourcing has gone through ITPSA and now SOA-QPS. The OGCIO conducted a consultation on current SOA-QPS in end 2007. It is expected the OGCIO will roll out new arrangement in 2009 upon SOA-QPS expiry. This forum hence will be a follow-up on Government ICT procurement policy, to channel industry's views directly to the Government, with the survey results as the foundation for discussion.

### Objective

The principal objective of this forum is to bring together Government ICT project contractors and Government officials involved in the formulation of ICT procurement policy to:

- consolidate views and comments among the industry on the Government ICT procurement policy
- create a platform for the industry to directly channel their views to the Government
- provide the Government opportunities to have in-depth dialogue with the industry and further understanding on their needs.

### Event details

- Date: 5 May 2008 (Monday)
- Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm
- Venue: 1/F, Function Room, HKPC Building, 78 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong
- Target audience: SOA-QPS and open tender contractors and subcontractors, other potential Government ICT project contractors, Government officials in various B/D involved in the formulation of ICT procurement policy, members of IT associations, communications services providers, IT practitioners and other interested parties
- Language: English
- Registration: Please email your name, job title and organization name to [seminar@sinchungkai.org.hk](mailto:seminar@sinchungkai.org.hk) for reserving a seat
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### Co-organizers

- Communications Association of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Computer Society
- Hong Kong Information Technology Federation
- Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association
- Information and Software Industry Association
- Office of Mr. Sin Chung Kai

### Venue sponsor

- Hong Kong Productivity Council

### Programme rundown

The forum will include three presentations, one from the industry and two from the Government. Then a discussion session will be arranged for the industry to express their views on more specific policy area.

Time	Programme Rundown
2:00pm-2:20pm	Registration
2:20pm-2:25pm	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hon. SIN Chung-Kai, Legislative Councillor (IT)</li></ul>
	<u>Presentation</u>
2:25pm-2:45pm	A better e-Government? – General comments on current ICT procurement arrangement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr. Charles Mok, Ex-officio Member, Hong Kong Information Technology Federation</li></ul>
	Government ICT procurement policy – from initiation to completion
2:45pm-3:00pm	SOA-QPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr. Alfred Ng, Assistant Government Chief Information Officer, Office of the Government Chief Information Officer</li></ul> Open Tender
3:00pm-3:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mrs. Cassandra Chui, Controller (Procurement), Government Logistics Department</li></ul>
	<u>Panel Discussion</u> (with floor participation)
3:15pm-4:45pm	Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Drawing participation from all sizes – capping indirect and consequential liabilities for all</li><li>● Encouraging innovativeness – how price should be weighed in selection criteria?</li><li>● Cash flow matters – objective assessment on meeting project targets</li></ul> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mrs. Cassandra CHUI, Controller (Procurement), Government Logistics Department</li><li>● Mr. Roy LEE, Information and Software Industry Association</li><li>● Ms. Judy LEUNG, Vice President, Hong Kong Information Technology Federation</li><li>● Mr. Alfred NG, Assistant Government Chief Information Officer, Office of the Government Chief Information Officer</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hon. SIN Chung-Kai, Legislative Councillor (IT)</li></ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr. Charles MOK, Ex-officio Member, Hong Kong Information Technology Federation</li></ul>
4:45pm-4:50pm	Presentation of Souvenirs and Group photo taking