



Republic of Serbia
Public Procurement Office

Conference
Changing the paradigm in public procurement:
Towards Value for Money and Higher Efficiency
June 1-2, 2016

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On behalf of Public Procurement Office of the Republic of Serbia, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to a conference: “Changing the Paradigm in Public Procurement: Towards Value for Money and Higher Efficiency”, *organized by the Public Procurement Office of the Republic of Serbia and supported by the OSCE Mission to Serbia*, to be held at the “Klub poslanika”, Tolstojeva 2, Belgrade, on June 1-2, 2016.

The aim of the conference is to lay down pathways for achieving two strategic goals set in the Government’s “Strategy for Development of Public Procurement”: 1) how to increase the value of what is procured by the public sector within the same budget and 2) how to make the process of procurement become more efficient. One of the key topics of the conference will be how to implement the criteria of „Most Economically Advantageous Tender“ (MEAT) in practice efficiently, thus maximizing the „value for money“ in spending of public funds.

The second significant issue which is going to be discussed at the conference is use of modern methods and instruments such as: framework agreements, E-procurement, new methods of negotiation etc. aimed to increase the efficiency of procurement process and to support compliance with the regulation at the same time. The issue of legal compliance and the changing role of both regulatory institutions and civil society organizations in more effective public procurement will be discussed at the conference as well.

Speakers will include procurement specialists from Government Procurement Law Program of the George Washington University in Washington, DC, the European Central Bank, a Netherlands municipal procurement agency and company representatives. Participants will be representatives of various ministries and the largest contracting authorities, as well as major public and private companies supplying the Serbian government market, international organizations and civil society organizations.

Please find enclosed a draft agenda for the Conference. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Olivera Rajkovic from the Public Procurement Office via email: olivera.rajkovic@ujn.gov.rs or by phone: +381 11 2888 712.

Esteemed colleagues, please accept our sincere greetings and the assurances of our deepest respect.

Yours sincerely,

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