

## News Report - First Task Force Meeting for the CIDC – Construction Industry Database

The first Task Force meeting for CIDC - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DATABASE was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at the India International Center, New Delhi. The meeting drew participation from both the private and public sector and representatives from leading construction organizations like IRCON, NBCC, EPIL, EIL, L&T, CE&CR, Urban News Digest, Times Business Solutions Ltd. etc.



Keeping in view, the focus of the government, on providing impetus to infrastructure development, a tremendous opportunity exists in the development process by supplying goods & services to the major Project Owners & their Contractors & Service providers. Construction of river bridges, highway bridges and structures, tracks for railways, sports stadia, industrial buildings, residential and commercial complexes, integrated projects for power generation and distribution systems, air conditioning systems, finishing/ interiors works, piling located at various locations across India and other South Asian nations present opportunities that demand a whole array of products and services to deliver on time and within costs.



The task is very large in volume and scope with corresponding increase in procurement of goods & services, increasing from the present annual level of USD 70 billion to over USD 200 billion per annum in the 12th Plan. A reliable and robust Construction Industry Database is the need of the hour that may be browsed by the project owners and implementers alike for finding the right set of organizations that can deliver.

Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), understands the importance of this exercise and with an intent to create one seamless database for use by all stakeholders, calls upon your expertise to fix the framework, categories, and the registration process for prequalification of construction companies, material handling organizations and service providers for the CIDC Construction Industry Database.



### **BENEFITS:**

The database will be representative of the demands of the construction sector in India and South East Asia and encourage project owners and implementers to log in to the same for finding the right match for their requirements. Some envisaged benefits are listed below:

1. Better and more efficient procurement of services and goods
2. Better authenticity and capability assessment of the supplier and listed organizations
3. Regular updation regarding costs and product range

## **Process:**

In order to save on the time being spent on prequalification of vendors in various categories, CIDC proposes to undertake the first round of site inspections of all the applicants participating in this process. The final listing of any entity in the database shall only be based upon the report submitted by the CIDC evaluation team post site inspection.

### ***The process would include:***

1. Call for registration – to be published every quarter
2. Submission of application in pre-prescribed formats along with relevant annexure
4. Site inspections
5. Presentation of the report to the Jury
6. Fixing of category listing based on Jury recommendation



The Task Force members endorsed this initiative and suggested scalability, robustness, timely inspections as some of the key features that need to be inbuilt in the process for making this effort a truly representative one for the Indian Construction Industry.

Members expressed their willingness to participate in Jury meetings and volunteered to nominate the concerned officers from their respective organizations.