

## Report of 7<sup>th</sup> Task Force Meeting of “National Database” (CIDC – Construction Industry Database)



The 7th Task Force meeting of “National Database” (CIDC – Construction Industry Database) was held on 8th August 2019 at Civil Services Officer’s Institute, Vinay Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110 021

The meeting was attended by project owners, project implementers, developers, vendors and suppliers. With good participation from all stakeholders, the gathering represented a good mix of people from both the demand and supply sides. The event was unfolded as per the minute to minute program (Copy attached) and was concluded as per schedule with ample time being provided to the participants for meet & greet and networking.

With overall participant count of 180 plus people, the gathering was a rich mix of Project Owners (32+), Developers / Contractors (28+), Enlisted Vendors (80+) and other stakeholders.

The dignitaries on the dais with their rich experience of the construction domain took out their valuable time to attend the meeting and share their views and suggestions on the “National Database”, its procedures and outcomes and how it will benefit the Construction Industry. They shared their experiences of this forum and urged the gathering for increased adoption of construction best practices.

The dignitaries on the dais were:

1. Shri. R. K. Mathur, Vice Chairman, Tripura State Planning Board
2. Shri. H. Rammawi, Vice Chairman, State Planning Board Mizoram
3. Dr. P. S. Rana, Chairman, CIDC
4. Shri. S. C. Goyal, Jt. Director General, HQ DG MAP
5. Shri. Rajesh Goel, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Pre-Fab Limited
6. Shri. Ajay Singh, Chief Engineer (Civil Works and Estates) Defence Research & Development Organisation
7. Dr. P. R. Swarup, Director General, CIDC
8. Shri. Neelesh Kumar Shah, Director (Projects), NBCC Ltd.
9. Shri. Rakesh Kalra, Executive Director (Engg.), Airports Authority of India (AAI)

Dr. P. R. Swarup, DG, CIDC in his opening address explained the vision of the database and extended a warm welcome to the two North Eastern States of Tripura and Mizoram which were represented by the Vice Chairmen of their respective State Planning Board. Dwelling on the need for a robust database of vendors and suppliers, he said that time has come, when this database should be made the representative database of qualified vendors to whom one can leverage whenever projects need to be delivered on time. He appreciated the participation of NE States in the Task Force Meeting and looked forward to the day when wider use of the database in NE will yield results for timely execution of the projects.



Elaborating on the concept of One National Database for the projects, Vice Chairman – State, Planning Board, Tripura said more efforts need to be made to engage with Central & State Governments to convince them that this database will be extremely helpful to them as this is a sound idea and will find takers everywhere.

Vice Chairman – State Planning Board, Mizoram endorsed the utility of the database for all stakeholders and opined that this database will be extremely helpful for the State of Mizoram especially in arresting time and cost overruns on the projects.



Chairman CIDC, Dr. P. S. Rana underlined the importance of the database and its core philosophy of creating a database where shortlisted vendors who are pre-qualified are made available to projects owners & implementers to reduce the lead time for award of projects. He emphasized that this being a facilitative process, will definitely prove beneficial to everyone.

Shri. Neelesh Kumar Shah, Director (Projects) opined that so far NBCC which is issuing more than one tender a day, is extensively using this pool of enlisted vendors and also encouraging new vendors to enlist in the database as the rigorous process of enlistment at CIDC ensures a quality benchmark for the vendors. He said that the biggest challenge for organizations like NBCC is to source reliable database of vendors who can help deliver quality projects on time. In this context the database prepared by CIDC comes in handy and not only does NBCC use it themselves, but they also recommend it to their consultants as this is a vetted database where process of due-diligence has been followed.



Shri. Rakesh Kalra, Executive Director (Engg.) in his address explained the recent projects being undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the new airports being built across the nation. He underlined the need for having a dedicated resources pool of shortlisted vendors and apprised the Task Force gathering about AAI initiative of reaching out to all CIDC enlisted vendors for works whose value is more than 15 crores. He also urged the vendors to participate in forthcoming AAI tenders which would henceforth be available on the portal [www.cidcdatabase.com](http://www.cidcdatabase.com)

Shri. Ajay Singh, Chief Engineer (Civil Works and Estates) spoke about the virtues of the database and how project owners and implementers can leverage on it for choosing pre-qualified vendors who can help deliver projects much faster. He said that this database is a useful one and more organizations should adopt it and use it.



CMD, Hindustan Pre-Fab Limited, Shri. Rajesh Goel extolled the benefits of the database for the entire construction fraternity and requested CIDC for preparing a dedicated Vendor Database of the Pre-Fab sector as this sector was witnessing huge demand and more qualified vendors need to be identified and a vetted database needs to be prepared to help organizations achieve project deadlines in a more effective way.

Address by Shri. S. C. Goyal, Jt. Director General, DG – MAP, focused on the participation of DG MAP office in various CIDC initiatives and outlined the importance of CIDC as the apex body that is always at the forefront of create good practices for the Indian Construction Industry. He emphasized the need of a reliable National Database which can be used by all stakeholders of the industry.



The Technical Presentation by H&R Johnson which is now Prism Johnson Limited dwelled upon the theme “Not Every Tile is the Same”. The audience were educated about Tile Technology, various uses of tiles, how each tile is different and the emerging trends in this domain. Mr. Farhan Akhtar, National Head – Business Development also educated the gathering about free Technical Support & Consultancy being offered by HR Johnson to anyone who wants to build with tiles.

The presentation on tiles was followed up with a presentation on Bath fittings and a display of their entire range. Team Johnson had also put up an exhibit of their latest range of tiles in the foyer area.

The other exhibit was by sunrise panels displaying their range of plywood panels. Both exhibits provided the participants good product knowledge.

The presentation “Red Ramp Project” showcased the CSR initiatives of the Johnson group & was appreciated by the audience.

Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj presented the overview of the database to the audience and provided an activity report for the 8th and 9th phase of enlistment process that were closed recently and the report of the 6th Task Force Meeting which was held in July 2018 to the Task Force Participants. The survey findings of the enlisted members / aspirants, highlighted the prime reasons for database listing as – Learning / Knowledge – 28%; Visibility / Networking – 51%; Recommendations – 21% (Helped in recognition with other bodies). The changes in the new and revamped website where also explained to the audience and the vendors where much appreciative of the affordable advertising concept.





### Unveiling of VKA Brochure.

The brochure for the 12th edition of CIDC Vishwakarma Awards was unveiled by the dignitaries present amongst a loud cheer from the audience. The next edition of the awards is being held in 2021, the year which also marks the Silver Jubilee of CIDC. The Call for Nominations will be opened in 2020 and ample time will be provided to the applicants to submit their applications.

The participants were very appreciative of the efforts of CIDC for creating this database which can be easily accessible to all. Representatives from Airports Authority of India, NBCC and Hindustan Pre-Fab Limited shared how they are using the database to spot good vendors for their projects.

The list of participants and program is available on [www.cidcdatabse.com](http://www.cidcdatabse.com)

The photographs and videos including Industry perspective & interviews of stakeholders have been uploaded on [www.cidcdatabse.com](http://www.cidcdatabse.com) and are ready for download.

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# GLIMPSE OF THE MEETING





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