

Report of 8th Task Force Meeting of “National Database” (CIDC – Construction Industry Database)



The 8th Task Force meeting of “National Database” (CIDC – Construction Industry Database) was held on 19th December 2019 at Silver Oak, India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road New Delhi – 110 003

Based on popular requests and feedback received from various stakeholders, the format of the TFM was tweaked and more knowledge quotient added to the same. A value added feature has been to include state presentations and a knowledge sharing session. Construction Development Board, Bhutan and Central Public Works Department were the two bodies which made their presentations in the 8th TFM and Algo 8 an upcoming start up that deals with technology made a presentation on Artificial Intelligence in Construction



The four-hour format for the meeting had two breakaway networking sessions and both witnessed hectic parleys and discussions amongst the participants. The



exhibition area was also increased to include more exhibitions and it remained abuzz with curious delegates interacting with the vendors to know more about their products and services.

Despite inclement weather, the total participation was in excess of 250 and the gathering was a rich mix of Project Owners, Developers / Contractors, Enlisted Vendors and other stakeholders. Sizeable representation from CPWD, AAI, NHAI, BHEL and other government agencies ensured that the meeting enjoyed an interactive format right through its entire duration.



His Excellency Lieutenant Governor of Laddakh, Shri. R. K. Mathur could not grace the occasion due to work exigencies and last minute change of program but was kind enough to send his audio visual message to the participants. While extolling the virtues of the database and his past experience of the 7th TFM, Shri Mathur explained the need of such a database and also invited the enlisted vendors to partake in the development and infrastructure creation of Laddakh

Dr. Prabhakar Singh, Director General, CPWD was the Chief Guest for the evening and he was joined by a number of industry experts on the dais who shared their experiences and anecdotes with the gathering.

The dignitaries on the dais were:

1. Shri. Prabhakar Singh, Director General, Central Public Works Department
2. Dr. P. R. Swarup, Director General, Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC)
3. Shri. Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava, Chief General Manager (IT Cell), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
4. Shri. Tandin Norbu, Officiating Chief Engineer, Construction Development Board, Bhutan
5. Shri. Ajay Singh, Chief Engineer (CW&E), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
6. Shri. D. K. Kamra, ED (JVC), Airports Authority of India (AAI)
7. Shri. Santosh Nair, General Manager, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
8. Shri. K. M. Singh, Former CMD, NHPC Ltd.
9. Shri. Saroj Kumar Pattanaik, Managing Director, Odisha Construction Corporation Ltd.

Director General, CPWD Shri Prabhakar Singh endorsed the utility of the database for all stakeholders and elaborated on the strong relationship of CPWD-CIDC on various initiatives.

He briefly explained the progression of CPWD over its 165 years of journey and emphasized its role as a Principal Technical Adviser to the government of India and how it sets structure and systems for various organizations to emulate.

He congratulated CIDC for its role in helping CPWD with its capacity building initiatives. Speaking on the need for innovation and how technology needs to be promoted, he explained the measures taken by CPWD in the domain and singled out vendor development as a key activity to provide fillip for timely completion of projects.





Shri Kuldeep S. Gaur, Director (Tech & PR), O/o DG made the theme presentation for CPWD on the topic “Business Opportunities with CPWD”. He outlined the fact that under the dynamic leadership of DG, CPWD, the organization is fast moving on the path of “Resurgent CPWD – Scaling New Heights”. The wide work of CPWD in Construction, Maintenance, Innovative Development, Advances in Research & Development & other functions, was elaborated to the audience. also educated the gathering about the benefits available to clients by entrusting works to CPWD & Business Opportunities for the contractors in CPWD.

The presentation “Business Meet” showcased the Pan India presence of CPWD and showcased the work being done in remotest corners of the country and some of the recently completed projects of CPWD. The presentation helped the audience gain a better insight in the functioning of the department and was much appreciated by the audience.

The Presentation by Construction Development Board (CDB), Bhutan (Guest Country) dwelled upon the theme “Business Opportunities in the Construction Sector of Bhutan”. The audience were educated about various opportunities and growth sectors in Bhutan like Infrastructure, Energy, Construction Materials & Technology etc.

Mr. Tandin Norbu, Officiating Chief Engineer, Construction Services Division also informed the gathering about Business Modalities and process of getting registered in Bhutan with the CDB. Mr Norbu extended an open invitation to all CIDC enlisted vendors to come to Bhutan and partake in construction activities.



Dr. P. R. Swarup, DG, CIDC in his opening address explained the vision of the database and extended a warm welcome to all the participants and dignitaries. 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 & cost. He appreciated the participation of Bhutan (Guest Country) in the Task Force Meeting and looked forward to the day when wider use of the database is done in Bhutan.

Shri. Ajay Singh, Chief Engineer (Civil Works and Estates) said that DRDO is happy to be on this platform and vendors from CIDC and elsewhere are free to work with not only DRDO, but all other government departments. However, at DRDO due to sensitivity of being a Defence Sector organization, they have to run a thorough credential check on all the vendors before enlistment. He said, likewise, other government departments also have their specific data checks and procedures. He also pointed out that since this is a good bunch of vendors, whenever the DRDO enlistment window is opened, they make sure to invite all CIDC enlisted vendors to partake in the process.



He appreciated the event and said that he was happy that this platform has helped him connect with other partner government departments who are doing similar work. In government sector large number of departments are present and people are not aware about them, this type of event definitely tries to fill this void.



Shri. D. K. Kamra, ED (JVC). AAI explained the Regional Connectivity Program of AAI and enlightened the gathering of the emerging opportunities in the sector. Every big city to have two airports to cater to the growing needs of citizens.

He appreciated the capacity building and constitution building efforts of CIDC and explained how AAI is partnering CIDC for various initiatives. With a slew of greenfield projects coming up in remote areas, the CIDC database would be very helpful for sourcing quality vendors. He also pledged full support to upcoming CIDC initiatives like use of drones and BIM etc. He underlined the need for having a dedicated resource 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

Shri. Akhilesh Srivastava, CGM (IT Cell), he congratulated CIDC for being ahead of time in creating a robust database of reliable vendors. He emphasized that as per Hon'ble PM's clarion call during Infra review meeting, this is a step in similar direction of creating a national pool of vendors that can be used by all procurement agencies. The fact that it is vetted by CIDC makes the credentials of the vendors more acceptable. He suggested that CIDC should also introduce rating of the vendors to make it a more holistic package. He appreciated the knowledge sharing sessions with Topic like "What's New: Why AI (Artificial Intelligence)? with special reference to Construction Sector". Technology has to be at the forefront with digital being the haror of the times.



Er. Saroj Kumar Pattanaik, MD, Odisha Construction Corporation Ltd. appreciated the show format and the way it has been organized. He said that instead of a half of day program, it should be a full day affair as it will enable knowledge sharing on a larger scale. He said that like Odisha, many project fail to get right vendors at the right time for specific work. If CIDC certifies the vendors, then project authorities would be more than willing to time such vendors.



Shri. Santosh Nair, General Manager, BHEL was very appreciative of the event and called it one of the best he has attended in the recent times, primarily because it brings the industry & its required agencies like contractors face to face on a single platform and also contemporary best practices required are available at such events. He emphasized that everyone loves a bog pool of contractors. All project authorities have a resident but would love to add to their available pool with more qualifies, curated vendors. He opined that such events where the user and seller come face to face should be organized more often.

The technical presentations, industry insights and technical sessions were eagerly lapped up by the audience.

The “Curtain Raiser for Bauma Conexpo 2020” by Ms. Aparna Bhargava, Head Regions, Bauma Conexpo India showcased the world’s leading trade fair for construction machinery, building material machines, mining machines, construction vehicles and construction equipment. This will be held in Gurgram from 3rd to 6th November 20202. Ms. Bhargava also shared that Bauma aims to provide solution-oriented business events and this event will be an important one for the mining industry.



The Technical Presentation by Ms. Mishali Desai, Global Head – Projects, Ambani Vitrified Private Limited dwelled upon the theme “Ambani & ICTI Overview”. The presentation on tiles was followed up with a presentation on Sanitary Wares, Faucets, Wall Clocks, Tiles Adhesive & Grouts and a display of wide range of their products.

Under the What’s New section, Algo 8 a start up from Gurgaon, made a presentation on “Why AI (Artificial Intelligence)? with special reference to Construction Sector”. They provided the audience an overview of AI and how it can usefully impact one’s business. A few case studies and demonstrable models were also discussed. The audience expressed a desire to see more such presentations in future that define a emerging trend of cutting edge technology.



The Technical Presentation by Dr. Fixit Waterproofing Solutions (Pidilite Industries Limited) dwelled upon the theme “Holistic waterproofing approach to create durable and efficient building envelopes” showcased the design approach, selection of manufacturer / brand & importance of applicator. The audience were educated about Pidilite complete range of modern technologies & advantages of in-house applicator. The presentation on Holistic Waterproofing was followed up with a presentation on Dr. Fixit MARQUEE Projects & Holistic Approach to Energy Efficient Building Envelopes, LEC IRT Roofing System, LEC System for Walls – Design Criteria, LEC Insulated Wall Panels & External Insulation and Finishing and a display of World class technologies for a wide range of technical mortars and tile adhesives.



The other exhibit was by Svarn Infratel Pvt. Ltd. displaying their range of cables. Electrosteel Steels Ltd. displaying their range of Pig Iron, Billets, TMT Bars, Wire Rods and Ductile Iron Pipes. All exhibits provided the participants good product knowledge.



Earlier in the session Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj presented the Overview of the database and an activity report for the 9th and 10th phase of enlistment process that were closed recently. The highlight of presentation were the survey findings of the enlisted members / aspirants: for the prime reasons for database listing: Learning / Knowledge – 39% vs 28%; Visibility / Networking – 43% vs 51%; Recommendations – 18% vs 21% (Helped in recognition with other bodies). He also explained to the audience and the vendors about the promotion in Neighbouring Countries, Engagement with CPSEs / State Governments & Knowledge Workshops. The

point about active engagement and how to promote one’s business by dynamic positioning map were well appreciated by the audience

The evening also saw conferment of the “Spirit of Arbitration & Construction Technology” Award on:

Prof. (Er.) O. P. Gupta, VSM, Former Chief Engineer, MCD & Acting Registrar, CIAC

for display of utmost commitment and drive to create a vibrant work environment for the construction fraternity through excellence in deliverance of services & best practices in the field of Arbitration as an Expert Faculty, Eminent Arbitrator & Construction Professional.



The participants were very appreciative of the efforts of CIDC for creating this database which can be accessible to all stakeholders in Construction Industry. Representatives from Central Public Works Department, Airports Authority of India, National Highways Authority of India, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Odisha Construction Corporation Ltd., Govt. of Jharkhand, PWD, Dehradun (Uttarakhand), National Research Development Corporation, Delhi Development Authority & MSME Infrastructure Support Division & Contract & Procurement Cell shared their experiences with the gathering and the breakaway networking sessions helped all present to exchange ideas and do serious business building.

The oft repeated refrain during the entire meeting was to increase the format to a whole day event with more technical presentations about emerging and prevailing trends in the Indian Construction Industry.

The photographs and videos including Industry perspective & interviews of stakeholders have been uploaded on www.cidcdatabase.com and are ready for download.

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