

## **GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**

## Ministry of Finance Belmopan, Belize

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The President
Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry
1st Floor, Withfield Tower
4791 Coney Drive
Belize City

Subject: Hands-on training on use of the CARICOM Public Procurement Notice Board (CPPNB) website, and registration of Suppliers,

Radisson Fort George Hotel – March 4, 2020, 1.30 pm – 4:00 pm

On July 5, 2019 the Government of Belize approved the CARICOM Protocol on Public Procurement<sup>1</sup>. This was followed in August 2019 by approval of the Senate to ratify this agreement which ratification was carried out on October 4, 2019. The Government of Belize also agreed to begin applying the provisions of the Protocol in the interim of it coming into force.

In this regard the Ministry of Finance in conjunction with the CARICOM Secretariat will host a hands-on training in the use of the CPPNB for suppliers who wish to register as public sector suppliers in Belize, and by extension, to the whole CARICOM region. The Ministry of Finance is pleased to extend an invitation to suppliers who are members<sup>2</sup> of your organization to this registration process to be held at the Radisson Fort George Hotel from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. As the training is directed at use of the CPPNB kindly advise suppliers to please bring along laptops, tablets, or even smartphones to gain practice in using the CPPNB and to ask questions.

Suppliers can confirm their attendance to the Director, Procurement Unit at extension 828-4123 or at emails <a href="mailto:Artemio.Osorio@mof.gov.bz">Artemio.Osorio@mof.gov.bz</a> or Mrs. <a href="mailto:Raquel.Guerra@mof.gov.bz">Raquel.Guerra@mof.gov.bz</a> by February 28, 2020 to make adequate reservations for refreshments during breaks.

As it is envisioned that the CARICOM Public Procurement Protocol will soon come into force suppliers are urged to attend.

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<sup>1</sup> The Protocol extends coverage to Central Government, Sub-national Governments, Statutory Bodies, public companies (companies majority owned by the public sector), and other public agencies

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<sup>2</sup> The training is open to non-members too

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