

IDENTIFYING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT BID EVALUATION PROCEDURE OF SRI LANKA FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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Abstract

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Contractor selection, one of the most significant event of a construction projects, is accomplished by adapting tender evaluation procedure. Thus, several tender evaluations procedures are being practiced in the local context. Accordingly, Government bid evaluation procedure (GBEP) is the most frequently used evaluation method in Sri Lanka since the Government of Sri Lanka is the biggest client of the construction industry. However, there are no such criticism made on GBEP other than describing the procedure by government publications. Hence, the specific objective of this research of this research study is to identifying the effectiveness of GBEP for building projects of Sri Lanka. Therefor desk study and literature synthesis were carried out for study about the GBEP. Thereafter, the level of usage of the GBEP is identified through the literature synthesis and it was validated from the questionnaire as well as semi structured interviews. By the way, semi structured interviews and questionnaire were carried out for identifying the advantages, disadvantages and limitations of the GBEP and found the suggestions for disadvantages and limitations through the semi structured interviews.

The analysis was adopted to derive the advantages as well as the disadvantages and limitations. Short listing procedure, standard method use for evaluation process likewise there have advantages in GBEP. Not having minimum eligibility criteria in preliminary stage, adjustments done by the evaluator, reliability of Engineering Estimate, not considering about the value of money for bids likewise there have disadvantages and limitations too in GBEP. Accordingly, suggestions have been mentioned to avoid the disadvantages and limitations. Suggestions were Flexibility of ICTAD registration, clauses added for applicability of discounts for variations, standard format for report writing, prohibiting involve of the evaluator for adjustments in the bids, etc. Finally conclusion and recommendations were derived according to findings from analysis.

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