

Promoting Fairness, Transparency and Efficiency in Public Procurement.

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PRESS RELEASE

<u>Public Procurement Commission Hosted Public Open Day and</u> <u>Procurement Training in Bartica, Region #7 (Cuyuni-Mazaruni)</u>

The Public Procurement Commission (PPC) on August 22, 2023, hosted a Public Open Day from 9am – 2:00pm at the Bartica Community Centre Ground, Region #7 (Cuyuni-Mazaruni).

One hundred and two persons from ten procuring entities, suppliers and contractors from across the Region and the general public seized the opportunity to educate themselves and be guided on various aspects of the public procurement system.

Following the Public Open Day, the PPC on the following day, August 23, 2023 conducted a Public Procurement Training at the Town Council Board Room where 35 participants from 11 Procuring Entities in the Region interacted with the Chief Executive Officer and staff of the PPC on various topics including:

- the Public Procurement Commission who we are and what we do,
- the Public Procurement process,
- completing a procurement plan,
- tender openings and evaluation.
- how to lodge a complaint, and
- the debarment process,

The events were held as part of the commission's ongoing public awareness campaign to apprise stakeholders of the rules and procedures of the public procurement system so that they may better navigate, comply and benefit therefrom.

The PPC is mandated by Article 212AA (1) (b) of the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Cap. 1:01 to "promote awareness of the rules, procedures and special requirements of the procurement process among suppliers, contractors and public bodies." And, pursuant to S. 17(2)(c) of the Procurement Act, Cap. 75:03, the PPC is responsible for organising training seminars regarding procurements.

The objective was to enrich participants with information to improve the public procurement system within their organizations. Entities seeking more information may contact the PPC on telephone numbers (592) 226-3729, (592) 231-7306, and (592) 226-2364 or via email at <u>operations@ppc.org.gy</u>.

Dated August 24, 2023 --- THE END ---



Members of the public interacting with staff of the Public Procurement Commission at the Open Day in Bartica



Participants and staff of the Public Procurement Commission after the Public Procurement Training