

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CESA TACKLES PUBLIC SECTOR PROCUREMENT HEAD ON**

Procurement policies and guidelines published by the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) are among the best in the world. However, for a variety of reasons many clients and consulting engineers do not apply these when procuring service providers. Procurement within the South African infrastructure environment has long been a contentious issue with an array of vastly differing policies and procedures making it difficult for both consulting engineers as well as their clients to make an informed and equitable decision in this regard.

Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) has embarked on a nationwide campaign, visiting all 9 regions, to inform and educate on Procurement best practice for members and public sector clients thus ensuring that our taxes are spent effectively. CESA in consultation with the CIDB as well as industry experts has developed a Best Practice Guideline for the Procurement of Consulting Engineering Services that is in line with the latest legislation, including the Construction Sector Charter.

Wally Mayne, CESA's Contractual Affairs Manager states, "Some of the issues that are being addressed include dealing with an inadequate brief; allowing sufficient time from the request for proposals to the closing of the tender; understanding the BBBEE scoring system; understanding the reason why tenders may not be re-issued within a 6 month period; the issue of unlimited liability; and the implications of working at risk."

The CPD accredited technical briefing provides delegates with the opportunity to workshop national and international best practice with experts. The briefing unpacks the procurement of consulting engineering services and delegates attending the briefing will be issued with best practice guidelines in this regard. The content of the Manual and the Technical Briefing focuses on the full life cycle of a project as well as the role of both the client and the consultant. This includes the monitoring of consulting engineering services by the client. **For Consulting Engineers** it deals with framing their responses to these requests as well as assisting clients in how to formulate these requests. **For Clients** it empowers them to deal with their service providers from a full informed position.

The main objectives of this national roll-out are to strengthen knowledge, to see new perspectives, to explore innovative ideas, and to share best practice experiences in order to face the issues and challenges encountered in making our environment sustainable. CESA aims to replace current bad practices with available good policies and practice, to achieve value for money and money for value.

For the programme details please visit [www.cesa.co.za](http://www.cesa.co.za) or contact:

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