Brief Background of Samoa

- Country in the central South Pacific Ocean.
- Total land area is 2,842 km$^2$ (2 large islands, Upolu & Savaii and 8 small islets)
- Gained independence in 1962 and remains a member of the Commonwealth.
- Population of 203,900 (2021 est)
- Climate is tropical and humid
- Capital is Apia (Upolu)
- Samoans are mainly Polynesian heritage (ethnic and euronesians)
- Language is Samoan and English
- Religion (CCC, LDS, Methodist, Roman Catholic, AOG & others)
Government of Samoa Organizational Framework

Procurement Implementation

Procuring entity

Procurement Team

Bid Evaluation Committee

Suppliers
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Establishment of Tenders Board
Functions of the Tenders Board
Powers of the Tenders Board

Prescribed functions and
powers of the Tenders Board.
Issued by the Financial
Secretary or the CEO, MOF

Implement the requirement &
institutional arrangements in
the Act & the Instruction
GOVERNMENT TENDERS BOARD

Chairman – Hon. Minister of Finance

Deputy Chairman – Hon. Minister of Works

Member – CEO, Ministry of Finance

Member – CEO, Ministry of Works

Member – Attorney General

Secretariat – Procurement Monitoring Division
ROLES & FUNCTIONS: TENDERS BOARD

- To oversee all Government procurement to ensure compliance to the procedures.
- To call for and consider tenders for the purchase by Government through Government Agencies.
- To approve and award contracts within the Board’s threshold considered to be in the best interest of Government.
- To recommend to Cabinet for its final decision such tenders as the Board considers will be in the best interest of Government.
- To consider appropriate procurement methods for specific procurement upon request.
- To review, examine and make recommendation on appropriate procurement methods.
**ROLES & FUNCTIONS: MOF-PROCUREMENT**

- Develop and Review Government Procurement Guidelines and procedures.
- Secretariat to the Government Tenders Board.
  - Service the Board on its weekly meetings.
- Secretariat to the Independent Adjudicator for Complaints Redressal.
  - Only when a complaint is lodged to the Secretariat.
- Provide Procurement Technical Advice to all Procuring Entities (Government Agencies).
- Monitor the Procuring Agencies’ compliance to the Procurement procedures and processes.
CHALLENGES

- Meeting the Minimum Qualifying Requirement:
  - Technical Requirement.

- Relevant Experience:
  - Design & Supervision.
  - Construction.

- Commercial Banks Cost:
  - Bid Security/Performance Security.
Way Forward

- Meeting the Minimum Qualifying Requirement:
  - Roll out training for the private sector (contractors/consultants).
  - Development Partners to deliver trainings on procurement guidelines for the private sector and procuring entities on evaluation of bids process.
  - Priced Options (Lots) that will allow greater participation and demand lesser financial capacity requirement.

- Relevant Experience:
  - Encourage/compulsory affiliations/associations with overseas contractors/consultants to gain experience and for capacity building.

- Commercial Banks Cost:
  - Financing Facility within Commercial Banks to finance the charging fees for Securities.
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