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A New Publication of the Construction Industry Council
“Guidelines on Partnering”

Hong Kong • 3 August 2010 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today announced that a new guideline entitled “*Guidelines on Partnering*” is being published for employer, consultant and contractor organisations considering the use of partnering on construction projects in Hong Kong.

Introduction

The report on Construct for Excellence (generally known as the “Tang Report”) published in 2001 by the Construction Industry Review Committee Hong Kong (CIRC) made a number of recommendations on how current procurement practices could be improved to facilitate the delivery of construction projects on time and within budget, and that specified quality standards are adhered to. However, it stated that it was not sufficient merely to improve procedures and practices. It called for:-

“A change of culture and mindset among stakeholders in order to derive the full benefits of these improvement measures. Key participants in a project, including the employer, the designer, the engineer, the main contractor, sub-contractors and suppliers, need to work together more effectively and efficiently to complete the project in a satisfactory manner. Experience in Australia, the UK and elsewhere demonstrates that a partnering approach to construction will enable all participants of the project to work together as a team rather than in competition with each other.”

Partnering

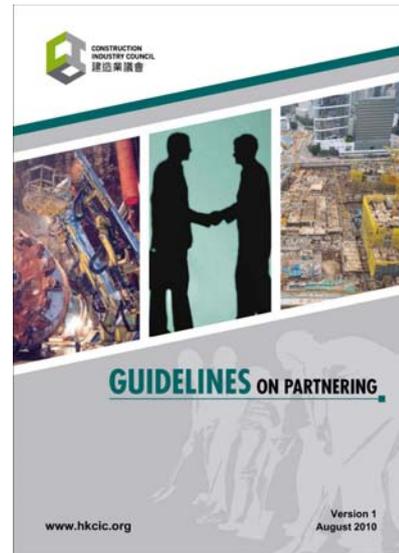
Mr CHEW Tai-chong, Chairman of the Committee on Procurement says, “Partnering promotes innovative and non-confrontational project delivery, where the interests of all parties are better aligned.” The relationship of the

project team members is based on trust, dedication to common goals, and an understanding of each other's individual expectations and values.

There are no particular prerequisites or technical expertise required to embark upon partnering for the first time. The main ingredient of partnering is an enlightened attitude.

Publication of Guidelines

In August 2010, the CIC published the "*Guidelines on Partnering*" (the Guidelines) for reference by the industry. The Guidelines are intended as a reference document for employer, consultant and contractor organisations considering the use of partnering on construction projects in Hong Kong. It aims to provide practical advice with guidance on the use of the forms of partnering contracts that are currently available. "It is hoped that the Guidelines could stimulate the industry to foster a teamwork atmosphere through wider use of the partnering approach in procurement strategy and project delivery," says Mr CHEW.



Guidelines on Partnering
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Recommendations

"We trust that the whole construction industry in Hong Kong will share the same view with the CIC on the importance and benefits in developing a collaborative and cooperative relationship in achieving win-win project outcomes," says Mr LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC. It is hoped that all industry practitioners will take a proactive stance in adopting the recommendations stipulated in the Guidelines to foster a team-working environment such that any project risks and uncertainties could be dealt with in a more effective and efficient manner for the benefit of all.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was established in accordance with the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Chapter 587 of the Laws of Hong Kong) in 2007.

To pursue initiatives for improving the local construction industry, the CIC has established committees in accordance with Section 15 of the CIC Ordinance. The Committee on Procurement was established to examine current practices on procurement in relation to project planning, tendering, contract administration and site supervision and recommend good practices to improve the quality and cost effectiveness in delivery of construction contracts.

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