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2017/18



CENTRAL PROCUREMENT BOARD

ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank
BEC	Bid Evaluation Committee
BOC	Bid Opening Committee
BOT	Build Operate Transfer
CIDB	Construction Industry Development Board
CCM	Competition Commission of Mauritius
CPB	Central Procurement Board
CTB	Central Tender Board
CPO	Central Procurement Officer
CPBSWA	Central Procurement Board Staff Welfare Association
DBD	Draft Bidding Documents
EOI	Expression of Interest
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IRP	Independent Review Panel
MCSAR	Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
Rs.	Mauritian Rupee
MOFED	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
ONB	Open National Bidding
OIB	Open International Bidding
PB	Public Body
PPA	Public Procurement Act 2006 as subsequently amended
PPO	Procurement Policy Office
PPP	Public Private Partnership
RB	Restricted Bidding
RRA	Rodrigues Regional Assembly
SBD	Standard Bidding Document
SIL	State Informatics Limited
TC	Technical Committee

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



It is a pleasure for me to present this Annual Report, as per requirement of Section 8A of the Public Procurement Act 2006 as amended, describing the activities of the Central Procurement Board (CPB) in respect of the previous financial year (1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018). I further take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Mr. Madhukarlal Baguant CSK, the former Chairman, for his immense contribution in shaping and making the CPB what it is today - an institution that is of critical importance and value in the public procurement landscape.

During the aforementioned financial year, the Central Procurement Board has had (i) 103 formal Board meetings, (ii) 95 ad-hoc meetings (iii) 54 meetings with Public Bodies and (iv) 3 meetings with the Procurement Policy Office.

The CPB also hosted overseas delegations from 1) IFC/World bank, 2) the Central Procurement Board

of Namibia, 3) the AFDB and 4) a delegation from Procurement Oversight Unit of Seychelles.

For record, I took office on 18th June 2018 and I am inspired to continue along the excellent path chartered by my predecessor and be guided by the same values of equity, fairness, transparency and accountability in the execution of my duties.

As from 18th June 2018, I have set myself the tasks of improving communications with our stakeholders so that the objectives being pursued by the CPB and the work being undertaken are better understood and appreciated. In a world where perception is so important, effective communication is of essence. That is why we are now publishing quarterly newsletters on the activities of the CPB, engaging with public bodies, holding regular meetings with the Procurement Policy Office, the Competition Commission of Mauritius and other relevant institutions. We are leaving no stone unturned to facilitate and expedite vetting, evaluation and award of major projects by setting timeframes for each activity. We are also adopting e-technologies and moving towards a paperless system. In this context, we are fully committed to support the e-procurement system (e-PS) which we believe will be more expedient and efficient.

To conclude I wish to thank Board members, whose varied experience and expertise in their different disciplines are of great value whilst taking decisions on intricate and complex matters. I also wish to thank the Chief Executive, his staff and the Secretary of the Board who have provided me with their unflinching support as the new Chairman.

Last but not least, I recognize the valued collaboration of the Procurement Policy Office, the Public Bodies whose projects are submitted to us, the competent and experienced evaluators who provide services of very high standards in the tender process. All this collaboration by dedicated staff and close collaborators contribute to the success of the CPB in providing the nation with this essential service as required by law.

Raj Hemansing Prayag PDSM

Chairman

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



For the year under review (i.e. 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018), ample statistics have been provided in the body of this annual report to indicate how many projects were vetted, evaluated as well the number of contracts awarded. For fiscal year (2017- 2018) number of projects processed at the CPB were 75 for a total estimated cost of around 20 billion. Out of the 75 projects, 48

were works projects which reflect the emphasis placed by Government on infrastructure projects to meet the demands of the growing economy. Of these 48 projects, 28 went into construction of buildings, 6 into bridges, roads and grade separated junctions and 11 into public utilities. For the year, much Government investment has been in housing, water and road infrastructure. Though there has been an increase in projects received over 2015-2016, a decrease is noted compared to 2016-2017.

CPB's budget for the year increased by 3 million compared to 2016-2017, i.e. 52 million compared to 49 million for the preceding year. This increase represented an increase in staff costs. Fees paid to evaluators amounted to some 7.9 million during the year.

Last year, our establishment was prompted to undertake some initiatives in line with the Public Sector Business Transformation Strategy Paper issued by the MCSAR. One of the tools used in this respect was a SWOT analysis whose main outcomes were as follows:

It was noted that the CPB, successor to the CTB, has a track record of 24 years in public procurement and the current legislative framework guarantees total independence in its operations. Furthermore, the adequately trained and dedicated staff, qualified engineers on contract and Board members with wide experience in various fields give the CPB an edge in the execution of public procurement.

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On the other hand, the shortage in human resources and inadequate IT infrastructure prevented the organization from striving to improve on efficiency and delivery. It should also be emphasized that the current location of the premises, its surface area together with a lack of parking space for staff and evaluators is a hurdle in the smooth operation of the CPB and also prevent us from aiming higher objectives.

On the side of opportunities, we noted that growing importance was being given to public procurement by Central Government as a tool through the e-procurement project and the availability of training in this field at local and international level. The start of implementation of projects, following the Vision 2030 paper, through major infrastructural projects such as dredging in the port area, increase in capacity of ship-to-shore cranes at the Cargo terminal, extension of taxiway and passenger bridge and construction of new air traffic control tower at the Airport as well as major roads projects is an opportunity to put to test the savoir-faire of the CPB and, at the same time, a motivation to improve our standard operating procedures.

However, exceptional substandard bid documents in complex procurement projects, poor quality Bid Evaluation reports as well as frivolous challenges and applications for review have been identified as major concerns.

For some time now, the CPB has set up a business transformation committee which has come up with proposals for change including the establishment of an efficient Management Information system and the computerization of all its processes to achieve the objective of a paperless organization. With the advent of e-procurement, it is proposed to have a re-engineering of CPB's conventional methods and processes and additional investment in new technologies and training of staff will be made subject to availability of funds. Discussions are also at an advanced stage with the PPO regarding training of staff and evaluators.

I am pleased to state that resolution time around issues has been drastically reduced following the establishment of monthly meetings with PPO and CCM. While those are yielding their fruits, it is proposed to further strengthen such relations with a view to improving procurement integrity and overcoming constraints whether legal, administrative or financial.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the full support that I received from the Chairman, Board members and staff of the CPB at all levels. It is my sincere wish that this report proves useful to all stakeholders and gives a full insight of the performance and activities of the CPB.

Kreetykant DOSIEAH
Chief Executive

CENTRAL PROCUREMENT BOARD

1.1 Overview of the Central Procurement Board

The Central Procurement Board (CPB) has been established under the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2006. Section 8 of the Act provides that *“There is established a Central Procurement Board, which shall be a body corporate, to be responsible for the approval of the award of major contracts by public bodies...”*

The Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2006 confers upon the CPB the responsibility to approve the award of major contracts by public bodies, the value of which exceeds the prescribed amount.

The prescribed amount applicable to public bodies varies in the range of Rs 15m – 100m, depending on the category in which the public body is listed in the Schedule of the Act.

Accordingly, any procurement in the estimated value of which exceeds the prescribed amount has to be referred to the CPB.

The Act provides that, in respect of major contracts, the CPB shall, inter alia:

- Vet bidding documents and procurement notices submitted by public bodies;
- Receive and publicly open bids;
- Select persons from a list of qualified evaluators maintained by it to act as members of Bid Evaluation Committees and oversee the examination and evaluation of bids;
- Review the recommendations of a Bid Evaluation Committee and approve the award of the contract; or require the Evaluation Committee to make a fresh or further evaluation on specialized grounds;
- Accept or reject requests for variation.

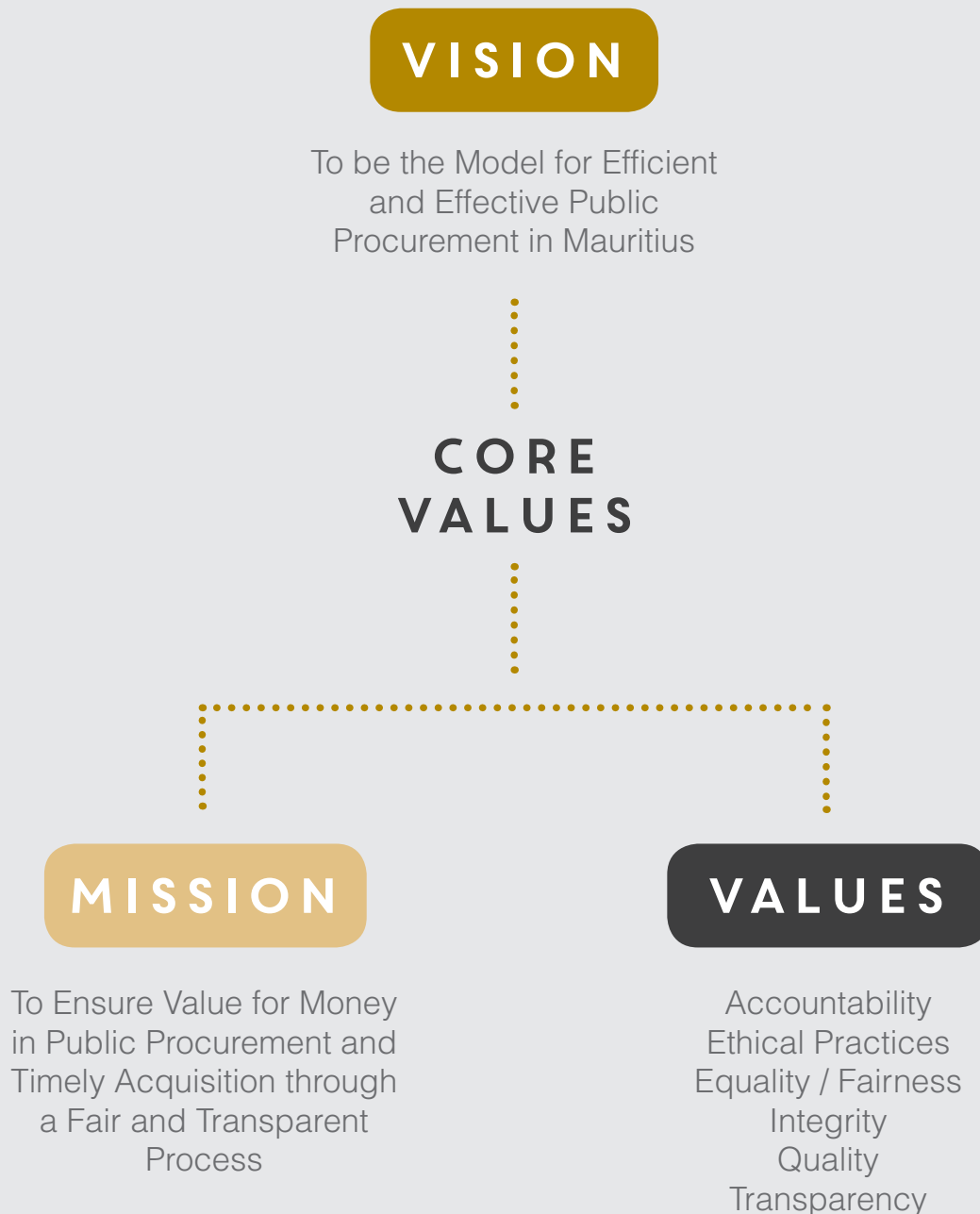
It is also provided that, in the discharge of its functions, the Board may

- Call for such information and documents it may require from any public body;
- Examine such records or other documents and take copies or extracts from them;
- Commission any studies relevant to the determination of the award of major contracts;
- Request any professional or technical assistance from any appropriate person in Mauritius or elsewhere.

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The Board is also responsible for the approval of award of contracts under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Act 2004.

The mission, vision and core values of the CPB are as follows:



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1.2 E-Procurement

Launched by the PPO in 2015 with a long-term objective of replacing the conventional paper-based method, the Government e-Procurement System (e-PS) aims at digitalizing the complete public procurement process from vetting of bidding documents up to approval of award of contracts on line without compromising the elements of confidentiality thus leading to a considerable reduction in bureaucratic issues and increase in the use of ICT in the work environment.

During the financial year 2017/2018, the CPB received six (6) major projects through e-Procurement from public bodies. The Public Bid Opening Session for e-Procurement is usually scheduled two days after the bid closing date and time so as to allow bidders sufficient time to decrypt their bids with their private key and re-encrypt them with the public key of the public body to enable the downloading of the bids submitted. In the beginning, the CPB had been facing many problems in downloading online bids during the bid opening sessions. In order to alleviate this problem, the CPB initiated some working discussions with the PPO to improve the functionalities of the e-Procurement system. The CPB also hired the services of the State Informatics Ltd. (SIL) to upgrade its IT infrastructure.

1.3 Organizational Structure

The structure of the Central Procurement Board consists of the Board and the Management Team (organigram on next page). The Board is composed of appointed members for a fixed term while the Management Team, which constitutes the core of the staff of the CPB, comprises the administrative and technical cadres of the public service. The Management Team is headed by the Chief Executive who is also responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and is assisted in his function by the Deputy Chief Executive.

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The Board



Mr. Raj Hemansing PRAYAG
(Chairperson)



**Mr. Krishna Menon
MAUREMOOTOO**
(Vice-Chairperson)



**Mr. Hirendranath
RAMBHOJUN**
(Vice-Chairperson)



Mr. Kirsley Errol BAGWAN
(Member)



Mrs. Sharda Devi DINDOYAL
(Member)



Mr. Abdool Sattar ABOOBAKAR
(Member)

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The Management



Kreetykant DOSIEAH
Chief Executive



Dinesh Mannick
Deputy Chief Executive

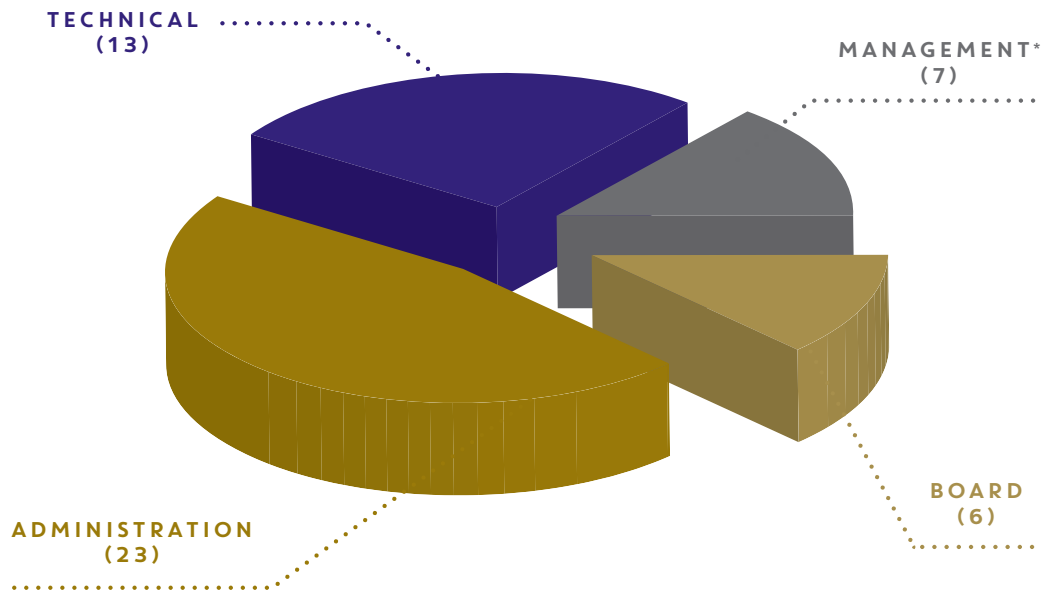
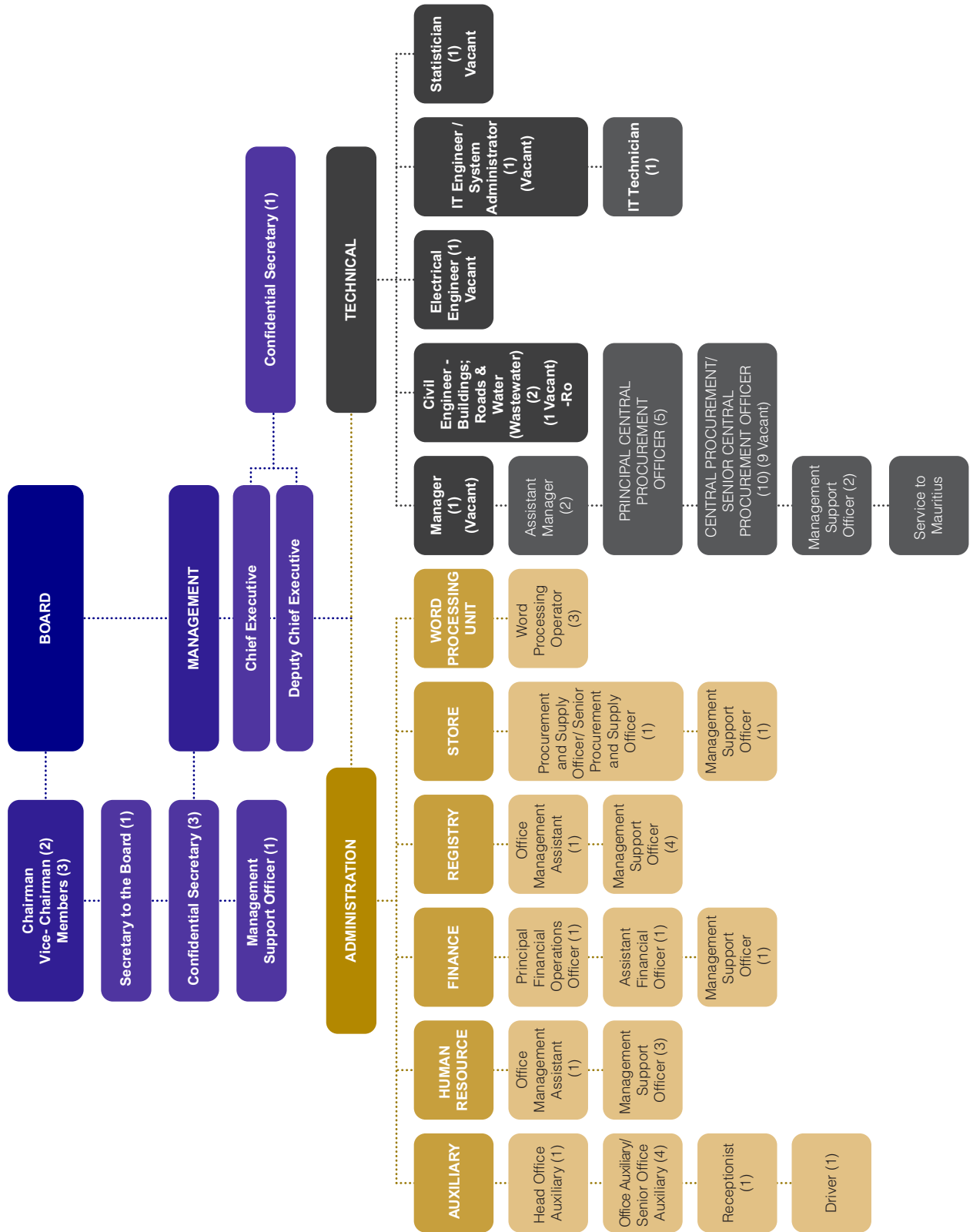


Figure 1 Distribution of CPB Staff as end June 2018

*Includes 4 Confidential Secretaries working With Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Board and Management.

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1.4 Human Resources

The Management Team of the CPB, which constitutes the core staff of the department, is made up of the Administrative and Technical units, as illustrated on the previous page.

Planning, coordination, supervision and performance of functions relating to human resource management, budgeting, information technology, supplies, registry and records management (among others) fall under the purview of the administrative department. For the financial year 2017-2018, there were 23 established posts, inclusive of 1 vacant post.



Central Procurement Officers of the CPB



Assistant Managers of CPB

The technical unit is responsible for a wide range of activities in respect of procurement documents of major contracts. The unit consists mainly of Central Procurement Officers (CPO), qualified engineers and other professionals. A total of 13 officers were involved in performing related activities under the supervision of the Chief Executive and the Board. As at 30 June 2018, five posts of Principal Central Procurement Officer (PCPO), nine posts of Central Procurement Officer (CPO), one post of Civil Engineer, one post of Mechanical Engineer, one post of Electrical Engineer and one post of IT Engineer System Administrator were still vacant.

1.5 Operational Costs

The CPB operational costs for the financial year 2017-2018 were about Rs. 52 million, representing an overall increase of Rs. 3 million in total operational costs from the financial year 2016-2017. This rise can be attributed mainly to increases in the staff costs of the CPB from Rs. 31.6 million to Rs. 34 million.

Apart from staff costs (which made up over 65% of CPB's total operational costs), evaluation fees paid to Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) represent a major part of the total costs. During the financial year ended 30 June 2018, the CPB spent Rs. 7.9 million on evaluation fees; compared to the financial year 2016-2017, there has been an increase of approximately 8% in this expenditure item. The table below illustrates the different items of expenditure for CPB.

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Table 1 - Operational Costs

ITEM	AMOUNT (MUR)	
	2016-2017	2017-2018
Staff Costs	31,662,922	34,060,723
Evaluation Fees	7,301,530	7,908,603
Rent Equipment and Other Utilities Costs	6,516,695	5,466,559
Sundries and Postage	2,029,291	2,460,000
Maintenance of Building, Equipment, Vehicles & Others	1,329,404	1,435,903
Printing and Stationery	598,149	853,826
Other Expenditure	383,860	186,729
TOTAL	49,821,852	52,372,343

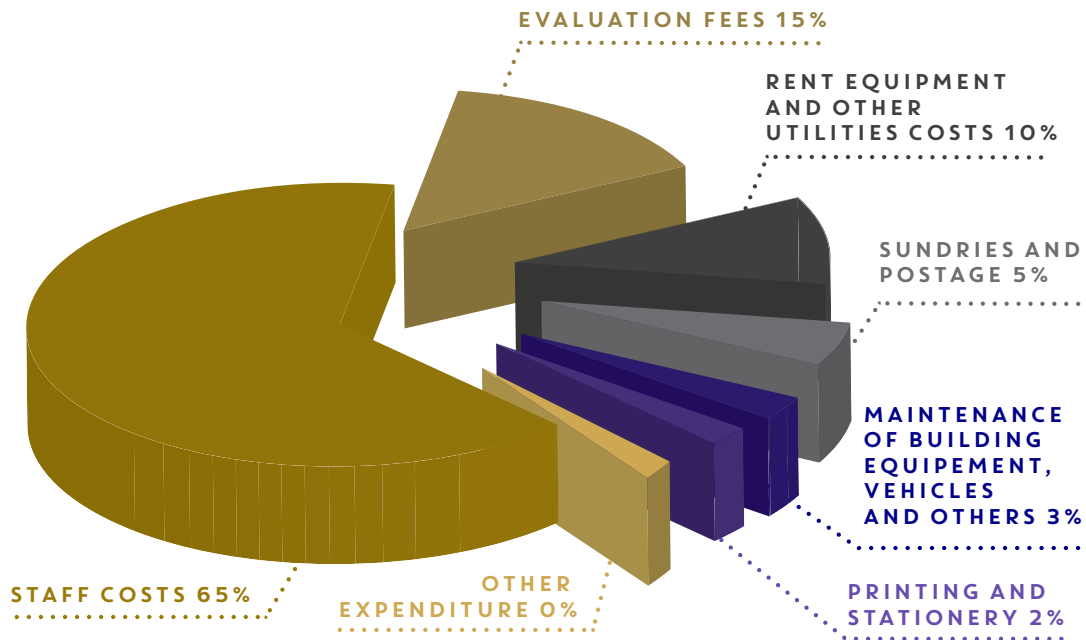


Figure 4 Projects received during the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Figure 2 offers a graphical illustration of CPB's operational costs for the financial year 2017-2018.

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1.6 Board Meetings and Foreign Delegations

During the financial year 2017-2018, a total of 103 Board Meetings were held. There were 95 ad-hoc meetings, 54 meetings with public bodies and 3 meetings with the PPO. In addition, there were 4 working sessions with overseas delegations, as shown below:

Table 2 - Delegations at the CPB

Delegation	No. of Delegates	Date
IFC/ World Bank	2	September 2017
Central Procurement Board, Namibia	10	February 2018
AFDB	2	March 2018
Procurement Oversight Unit, Seychelles	5	June 2018

1.7 Meetings with other Public Institutions

Meetings were held with other public institutions such as PPO, CIDB and CCM with a view to improving public procurement. Discussions were held on issues related to margin of preference, framework agreement, turnkey projects, e-procurement, conflict of interest, collusion and bid rigging, grading of contractors and areas of specialization. These discussions are ongoing.

1.8 Training and Workshops

During the previous financial year, the staff of CPB was given the opportunity to follow some specific training programs to enhance their skills in support to their personal career development. These training programs are crucial to keep the staff aware about updates in their fields and consequently use new information for better efficiency and productivity. The training courses and workshops are listed below.

Table 3 - Training and Workshops

	Courses	Date	Number of Staffs
1	Training on Public Financial Management Planning and Control (Civil Service College)	February 2018	1
2	Managing the Growth of the Construction Industry (Construction Industry Development Board)	6 February 2018	4
3	Innovations in Delivery of Transportation Infrastructure	12 April 2018	1
4	Workshop on Open Data (National Computer Board)	25-26 April 2018	1
5	Assessment of the factors influencing the use of E-Government facilities (Mauritius Research Council)	17 May 2018	1

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International Training

	Courses	Date	Number of Staffs
6	Bidding, Procurement and Supply Chain Management Johannesburg, South Africa	22-23 November 2017	1

2.1 Projects Handled

It is mandatory for public bodies to submit the following information with respect to major projects as highlighted in the circular No. 1 dated 12 January 2012 from the CPB:

- 1) Draft Bidding Document for Incumbent projects
- 2) Detailed Estimated Cost
- 3) Procurement Plan
- 4) Soft Copy of Draft Bidding Document
- 5) Checklist for Vetting

Draft bidding documents (DBD) received from public bodies are scrutinized by the technical staff of the CPB. These are further examined by management and the board for final vetting. Public bodies are thereafter convened for discussion and finalization of the draft bidding document before invitation to bid.

A simplified sequence of activities depicting the main steps with respect to each procurement project as handled at the CPB is shown in Chart 1.

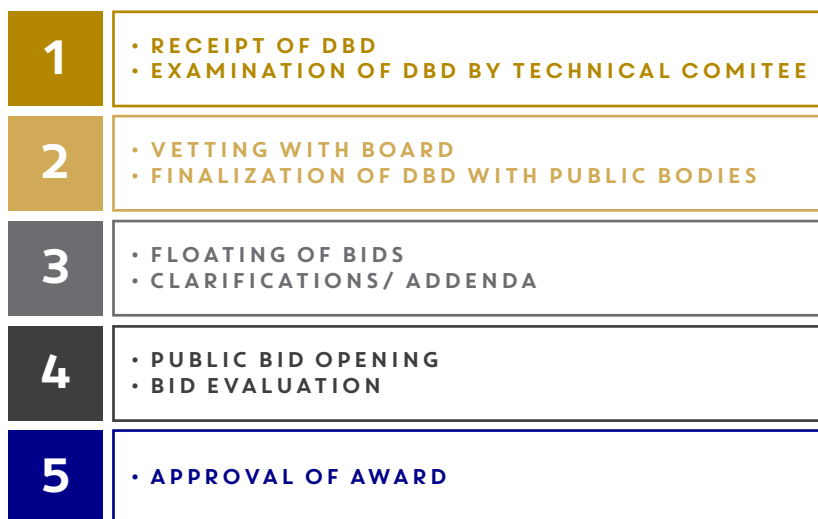


Chart 1 Sequence of Activities

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During the financial year 2017-2018, the CPB handled a total of 75 projects out of which 3 were on E-procurement.

The total estimated cost of these projects amounted to Rs 20 billion with the following distribution:

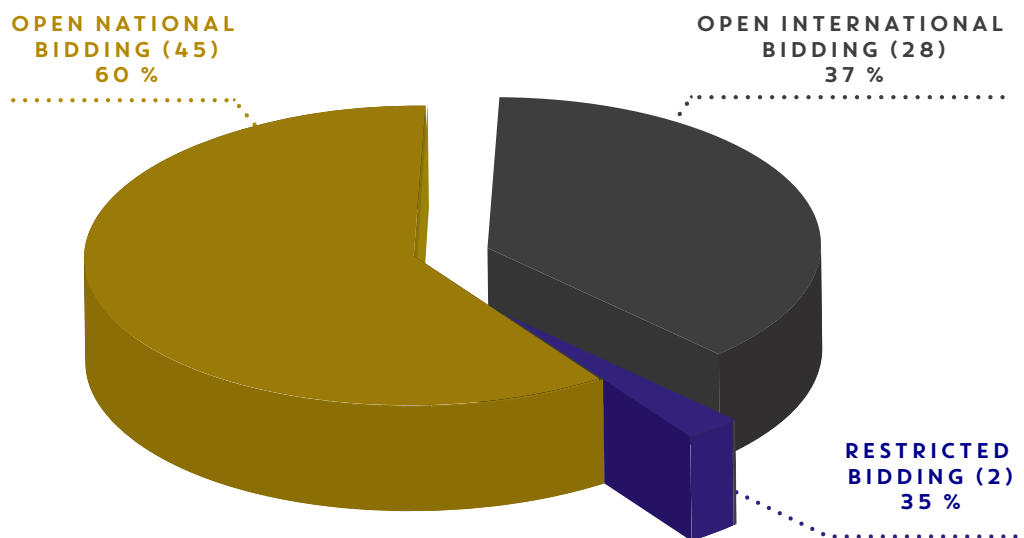


Figure 3 Distribution of Projects Received by Procurement Method

60% of projects handled have been through ONB (Figure 3), thus providing business opportunities to the local bidding community which also includes Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). On the other hand, 28 projects were undertaken through OIB and 2 through RB.

Table 4 - Distribution of Type of Project by Procurement Type

TYPE OF PROJECT	ONB	OIB	RB	TOTAL
WORKS	25	21	2	48
A. Buildings	16	11	1	28
B. Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Bridges	3	3	-	6
C. Public Utilities	3	7	1	11
D. Other Works	3	-	-	3
GOODS	4	3		7
CONSULTANCY	2	3	-	5
OTHER SERVICES	14	1	-	15
				75

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As per Table 4 , the distribution of project type was as follows: 48 projects for works, 7 for goods, 5 for consultancy and 15 for other services. Works category was further classified into Buildings (28); Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Bridges (6); Public Utilities (11) and Other Works (3). Majority of projects received were for the building sector of which 16 went through ONB and 11 through OIB.

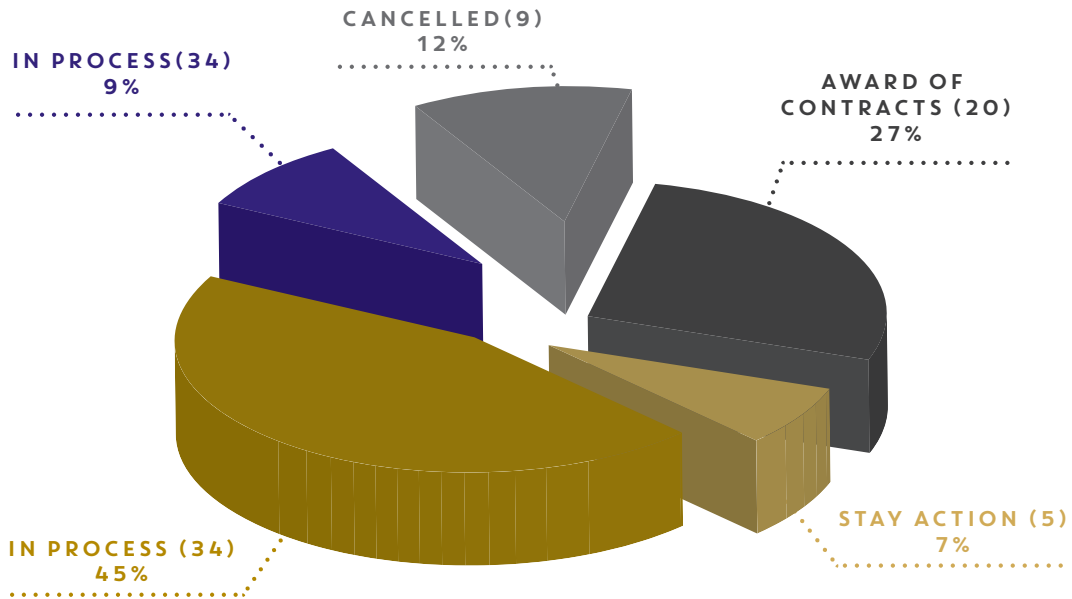


Figure 4 Projects received during the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

As per Figure 4, there were 34 projects still under process as at 30 June 2018 and had either reached vetting, bidding or evaluation stage. Documents for 7 procurement projects were referred back to the respective public bodies either at the vetting stage or after the public opening of bids. At the vetting stage, it was observed that several bidding documents were not in conformity with the prescribed documents of the PPO and required substantial modifications and clearance from the latter prior to vetting. At the public bid opening, bids received for those projects had contract values well below the threshold for major contracts and were returned to the respective public bodies for in-house evaluation and approval of award.

9 projects were cancelled as none of the bids received were responsive while 5 others were put on hold at the request of the concerned public bodies.

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2.2 Vetting of Bidding Documents

The purpose of vetting of bidding documents is to ensure that the procurement activity is adhering to the PPA, the regulations made there under, as well as the directives and circulars issued by the Public Procurement Office (PPO) and the CPB. It is at this stage that the CPB through its board starts ensuring that the exercise is carried out with the highest standards of transparency and equity.

Vetting is not deemed to have started unless all the required documents have been submitted to the CPB. On receipt of the DBD through the registry, the Senior/Central Procurement Officer (SCPO/CPO) ensures that the following checks are made.

- 1) The procurement is under CPB purview
- 2) Use of the appropriate Standard Bidding Document as prescribed by PPO
- 3) Appropriateness of proposed procurement method
- 4) Complete procurement information as per CPB circular No. 1 dated 12 January 2012 are provided (cost estimates, checklist, procurement plan, DBDs)

Upon submission of complete set of documents, a Technical Committee (TC) examines all the specifications and requirements, qualification criteria, evaluation methodology and criteria so as to ensure that

- 1) bidders have a clear idea of the requirements of the procurement activity
- 2) There is no bias in the specifications that may favour or penalize a particular bidder or a particular brand or make; and
- 3) The evaluation criteria are clear, transparent and fair

Ad-hoc meetings with representatives of the concerned PBs are regularly held for better understanding and quick decision on eventual amendments to bidding documents. In the case of complex projects, external technical expertise is enlisted to assist in the vetting process. The TC then submits its comments and bidding documents to the board for approval.

Table 5 - Vetting of Bidding Documents for Financial Years 2017-2018

Vetting of Bidding Documents	2017-2018
No. Of bidding documents	49
Total vetting duration (days)	1613
Average vetting duration (days)	33

As per Table 5, a total of 49 bidding documents were vetted during the financial year. The overall total vetting duration, which is measured as the number of days as from the date of receipt of all requested information including complete DBD to its approval by the board, for all 49 projects was 1613 days. The average vetting period per bidding document was 33 days.

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2.3 Public Bid Opening Sessions

Following the vetting by the board, a closing date is communicated to the public body for the floating of bids, and the projects are advertised. Bids are thereafter received, registered and deposited in the tender box at the CPB. A Bid Opening Committee (BOC) is set up consisting of at least one Board member and other technical staff of the CPB to conduct the bid opening session.

Table 6 - Public Bid Opening Sessions of Project for Financial Year 2017-2018

PUBLIC BID OPENING SESSION	2017-2018
Number of sessions	58
Total no. Of bids received	320
Average no. Of bids per session	6

Table 6 gives the number of public opening sessions of projects for the financial year 2017-2018. It can be seen that a total of 58 public bid opening sessions were carried out during the financial year ended 30 June 2018. 320 bids were received in total for an average of approximately 6 bids per session.

2.4 Evaluation

Following a bid opening session, a Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) is set up consisting of a minimum of 3 evaluators. They are selected by the Board from the list of evaluators maintained by the CPB based on the type of expertise required for the project. Highly technical or complex projects may require the appointment of additional specific expertise.

After the setting up of a BEC, pre-evaluation meetings are held to brief members of the terms of reference of the BEC as well as the requirements to produce a comprehensive bid evaluation report in the stipulated time frame while taking into account values such as fairness, equity and transparency.

During the financial year 2017-2018, bids were evaluated for 52 projects for a total number of 1,339 days. The average number of evaluation days was 26 as per Table 7.

Table 7 - Evaluation of Projects for Financial Year 2017-2018

PROJECTS EVALUATED	2017-2018
Number of projects	52
Total evaluation days	1339
Average evaluation duration (days)	26

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2.5 Approval of Award

Approval of award of contract by the Central Procurement Board is governed by Section 11 (1) (e) of the Public Procurement Act, which provides that the Board shall, in respect of major contracts, 'review the recommendations of a bid evaluation committee and-

- (i) approve the award of the contract; or
- (ii) require the evaluation committee to make a fresh or further evaluation on 'specific grounds.'

The objective is to ensure that evaluation is done strictly in accordance with criteria laid down in the bidding document and that the bid(s) of the selected bidder(s) is/are in fact the lowest evaluated substantially responsive one(s).

For the financial year ended 30 June 2018, the Board approved award of contract for 53 projects with a total contract value of Rs 13.7 billion. Table 7 gives the total contract value by type of the projects approved. The Board approved award of contract for 32 Works projects with a total contract value of Rs. 9.7 billion. The total contract value of Building projects approved for award accounts for 40% of this figure. 5 projects for procurement of Goods with a total contract value of Rs. 585 million were also approved for award of contract.

The total value of contracts approved amounted to Rs 13.7 billion, out of which 71% (32 out of 53 projects) related to Works and 5% to Consultancy Services. The remaining related to Goods (4%) and Other Services (20%).

Table 8 Approved projects by type during the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

TYPE OF PROJECTS	Number of Approval of Award	Contract Value (Rs. MIL.)
WORKS	32	9,670
A. Buildings	13	2,229
B. Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Bridges	6	4,586
C. Public Utilities	11	2,657
D. Other works	2	197
GOODS	5	585
CONSULTANCY	3	658
OTHER SERVICES	13	2,746
	53	13,659

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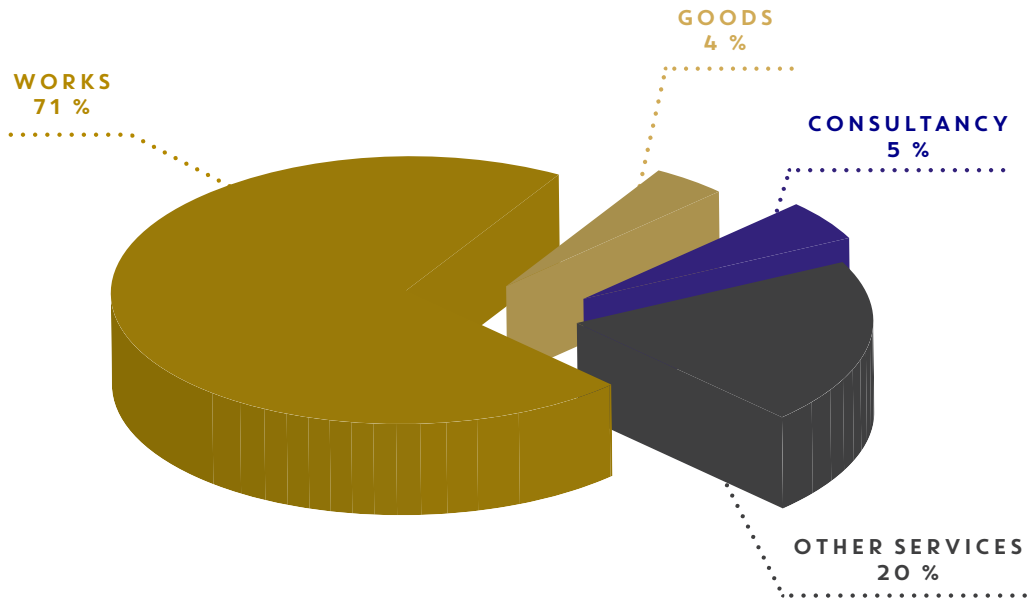


Figure 5 Distribution (%) of Total Contract Value by Project Type

APPROVED AWARDS OF CONTRACT IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-2018

Approval for award of contract was made for a total of 53 projects during the financial year 2017-2018. The complete list of these projects is provided in Table 9 below.

Table 9 - Approvals of Award of Contract

Procurement Description	Public Body	Contract Value (Rs MIL)
Framework Agreement for Multidisciplinary Consulting Services for 2017/2018	Ministry of Public Infrastructure	25
Consultancy Engineering Services for the Design Review and Construction Supervision of the Rivière des Anguilles Dam	Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities	163,4
Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services for Roadworks Drainworks & Amenities for a period of 2 years as from 2018	National Development Unit	200
Procurement of Dialysis Consumables Kits	Ministry of Health and Quality of Life	170,7
Procurement of Lubricating Oil for CEB's Power Stations	Central Electricity Board	165,4
Procurement of Medical Gases for Years 2018-2019	Ministry of Health and Quality of Life	94,6
(Prequalification) Provision of Maintenance, Repairs & Periodical Servicing of Motorcycles	Mauritius Police Force	
Procurement of Double Cab Vans	Mauritius Police Force	154,5
Procurement of Internet Connection Bandwidth Services through Undersea Fibre Optic Cable from Mauritius to Rodrigues Island	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	1567,5
Procurement of Data Connectivity Infrastructure for Primary Schools	Ministry of Telecommunication, Communication and Innovation	198,6
Satellite Bandwidth Services between Mainland Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues	Information and Communication Technologies Authority of Mauritius	126,7
Procurement of General Sanitation, Street Cleaning, Collection and Carting Away of Solid Waste including Post Cyclonic Waste at Mahebourg Village, Beau Vallon, Ville Noire and Blue Bay	District Council of Grand Port	64,1
Operation and Maintenance of Roche Bois Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from Roche Bois Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development	111,2

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Procurement Description	Public Body	Contract Value (Rs MIL)
Scavenging Contract for the Coastal Villages Pointe aux Piments to Trou aux Biches & Bois Marchand Housing Estate	District Council of Pamplemousses	26,1
Scavenging Contracts for the Villages of Baie du Tombeau & Triolet	District Council of Pamplemousses	44,0
Operation and Maintenance of Poudre D'Or Transfer Station and Transportation of W Poudre D'Or Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development	179,7
Procurement of Services for Maintenance of STS, RTG Cranes & Substation at Mauritius Container Terminal	Cargo handling Corporation Ltd	221,6
Beach Cleaning, Refuse Collection & Maintenance of Toilet Blocks	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development	54,0
Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Cleaning of Market/Fair, Public Places, Public Toilet in Coastal Villages Including Carting away of Post Cyclonic waste (Coastal Villages)	District Council of Riviere du Rempart	80,2
Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Waste within the Township of Curepipe	Municipal Council of Curepipe	33,8
Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes for a period of 36 months- Part of Central Flacq Village.	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	38,8
Residential and Training Centre at Baladirou, Rodrigues	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	46
Prequalification for the Construction of a New Traffic Control Tower at SSR International Airport	Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd	
Renovation of Port Louis Theatre Phase I	Municipal Council of Port Louis	74,5
Structural Remedial Works and Electrical Refurbishment Works to Existing Blocks of Apartments at Camp Levieux, NHDC Housing Estate	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	147,2

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Procurement Description	Public Body	Contract Value (Rs MIL)
Construction of 150 Housing Units & Associated Infrastructure Works at Baie du Tombeau	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	250,7
(Prequalification) Contractors for the Construction of a Cruise Terminal Building at Port Louis Harbour.	Mauritius Ports Authority	
Construction of 99 Housing Units & Associated Infrastructural Works at Chebel	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	158,7
Construction of 115 Housing Units and Associated Infrastructure Works at Petite Julie A	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	163,0
Construction of 135 Housing Units & Associated Infrastructural Works at Gros Cailloux	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	203
Construction of a New Air Traffic Control Tower at SSR International Airport	Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd	621,1
Construction of 64 Housing Units and Associated Infrastructure Works at Petite Julie B	National Housing Development Co. Ltd	107,0
Construction of Police District Headquarters at Abercrombie	Mauritius Police Force	94,5
Construction of 216 Housing Units and Associated Infrastructure works at Mare D'Albert	National Development Unit	363,7
Construction & Installation of Traffic & Road Safety Devices	Ministry of Public Infrastructure	128,2
Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works at Providence on the South East Coast.	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development	68,9
Replacement of CWA Pipelines in Rose-Hill & Adjoining Areas - Zone RH-2	Central Water Authority	153,3
Replacement of CWA Pipelines in Rose-Hill & Adjoining Areas - Zone RH-1	Central Water Authority	151,2
Construction of Pumping Station at Riviere du Rempart C2016/124	Central Water Authority	129,8
Renewal of Pipeline from Alma Reservoir to Malinga Reservoir C2014/10	Central Water Authority	103,4

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Procurement Description	Public Body	Contract Value (Rs MIL)
Construction of Songes Desalination Plant and Burying of associated pipelines, Rodrigues	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	72,8
Upgrading of Roche Bois Pipe Network Phase I Contract CWA/C2016/201	Central Water Authority	135,9
Upgrading of Plaine Verte-Cite Martial Pipe Network Phase I Contract CWA/c2016/200	Central Water Authority	133,3
Prequalification for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of 66 KV GIS Sub-stations	Central Electricity Board	
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants and Equipment at Bay Malgache and Pointe Cotton, Rodrigues	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	105,8
Framework Agreement for Construction & Upgrading of Drains & Associated Works for a period of two years as from 2018.	National Development Unit	820
Pailles-Guibies Sewrage Project Phase 2 Construction of Trunk Sewers Reticulation Network, House Connections & CWA Pipe Replacement	Wastewater Management Authority	851,5
Construction of Bypass at Cap Malheureux	Road Development Authority	168,8
Construction of a Third Lane along Motorway M2 from Roche Bois Roundabout to Jinfei Roundabout	Road Development Authority	287,4
Framework Agreement for Road Maintenance and Minor Works 2017-2020	Road Development Authority	6
The Construction of Grade Separated Junctions at Pont Fer/Jumbo/Dowlut Roundabouts & A1-M1 Link Road	Road Development Authority	3551,6
Upgrading and Widening of Berthaud Road at Quatre-Bornes including Drainage Works	National Development Unit	73,6
Framework Agreement for Construction & Upgrading of Road & Associated Works for a period of two years as from 2018.	National Development Unit	499,2

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Police
Double Cab Vans

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RRA - Construction of Songes Desalination Plant and Burying of Associated Pipelines, Rodrigues



RRA - Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Reverse Osmosis, Desalination Plants and Equipment at Bay Malgache and Pointe Cotton, Rodrigues

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**AML - Construction of a new Traffic Control Tower
at SSR International Airport**

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**Renovation of Port Louis Theatre
Phase I**

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**NHDC
Camp Levieux**

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**NHDC
Chebel**

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**NHDC
Gros Cailloux**

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**NHDC
Bassin**

GENDER STATUS AT CPB

In its endeavour to enhance the role and participation of women in the development of the country, the Government has come up with the concept of Gender Mainstreaming, where it will introduce gender considerations at all levels of policy making. The aim of Gender Mainstreaming is to provide equal chances to both genders i.e. identification of gender gaps and bridging them through corrective measures.

This policy statement affirms the commitment of the Central Procurement Board (CPB) towards ensuring gender equality, an internationally recognized human right. In fact, CPB can be cited as a model among Government departments where a majority of women are playing a meaningful role in the area of public procurement, thereby significantly contributing towards the economic and social development of the country.

Women represent around 65% of the workforce at the CPB. The fact that women constitute the majority of the workforce is a reflection of the progress made in Mauritius towards changing the status of women from housewives to major economic players. The staffing structure at the CPB bears witness to the country having not only afforded equal access to education for women but also acknowledging their competencies by providing them with jobs and career paths in an important sector of activity.

Women at the CPB are represented at all levels. CPB is an equal work equal pay employer where women are fully integrated and play a useful role within its organizational structure whether at the Board level, Management, Stores, Registry, Human Resource or Finance. Furthermore, at the time of selection of evaluators, due consideration is given to ensure participation of women as far as possible.

CPB takes great interest to enhance workforce competencies and skills development, irrespective of gender, so that each can play its role more effectively. Opportunities are being provided to employees for attending seminars and workshops.

CPB STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The CPB Staff Welfare Association, presently headed by a lady, shows great initiatives in promoting regular interactions among staff and organizes social and recreational activities.

Message from the President of the Central Procurement Board Staff Welfare Association

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the continued support and enterprising spirit of all the members of the Association and I am very much delighted to offer a few words in the Annual Report 2017-2018.

The past year has indeed been very eventful for our organization, with the formation of the new Board and the formulation of new policies and plans. Overall, the CPB has, to a great extent, undergone several changes and, consequently, has re-engineered many of its internal processes.

What I have witnessed is that, these changes have revigorated the workforce and made them even more enthusiastic about the future and the ways in which they can enhance their contributions for the betterment of the organization. It is with that same spirit, enthusiasm, team building attitude and togetherness along with the blessings of the Board and management that the CPBSWA celebrated inter-alia the following events throughout the year:

- Annual Kermesse 2017 organized by the Public Officers Welfare Council
- Visit to Bois-Chéri Tea Estate
- End of Year Lunch Party at Avalon
- Christmas party for staff kids
- Women's day
- 50th Independence Anniversary

For the forthcoming year also, I have a series of projects which I wish to realize for the benefit of all the employees. In that respect, 95% of the CPB staff are currently members to the Welfare Association and I have no doubt that we will reach the 100% landmark very soon. At the CPB we work like one family with one common goal to fulfill the mission of our organization with a “Big Smile.”

I am sure that I can rely on the continued support and co-operation of all the members as we move forward on our journey together.

Thank you.

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