

COUNTRY REPORT

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Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

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1. Accomplishments -2014-2015. Did the INGP provide any assistance to reach these accomplishments? Please specify.

In December 2014, with the assistance of the IADB, we attended a working visit to the procurement offices of the Government of Jamaica. We met with the officials there and even attended a meeting of the Tenders Committee. We also had meetings with the Contractor General of Jamaica. Topics discussed were the benefits obtained from having these institutions as well as challenges encountered. We hope to implement in Belize various practices already established in other CARICOM jurisdictions.

Belize, as a member of CARICOM, participated on various meetings of the Task Force on Government Procurement through teleconferences and we also answered various questionnaires in regards to personnel and also the equipment to be able to host a website for government procurement. Work continues in the preparation of new procurement legislation in CARICOM

2. Please indicate if you received technical assistance/training on government procurement in the form of regional cooperation. Did the INGP provide any assistance? Please specify.

While we did not receive help directly from the INGP, we did obtain assistance from the IADB in sponsoring training in Government procurement to 36 officers from Belize in Introductory Training in Procurement Level II. The officers will now continue with the second part of the training which is the writing part. We hope to train more officers in the near future.

3. Goals -2015-2016. Please indicate how the INGP could contribute to accomplish these goals.

- 1) To prepare new Legislation as well as regulations for CARICOM countries.
- 2) Implement new Legislation and regulation.
- 3) Establish a Procurement Unit that would guide government procurement, strengthen the Tenders Committee, establish/update thresholds, establish procurement as a career in the public service and training.

As CARICOM works as a block the INGP could assist in providing recommendations or training.