Public Procurement
In an Austere Time

Public Procurement remains a key focus for policy makers in this time of global downturn and austerity. As such both academics and practitioners have a desire to share their research and practice in an open and transparent environment. In Dublin, August 2014, the Sixth International Public Procurement Conference (IPPC6) will take place. The IPPC is the largest international public procurement conference globally dedicated to academic discussion and practitioner engagement. Over the last 10 years having built its profile in attracting participants from over 60 countries, it is hoped that the conference in Dublin will exceed this.

CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS/ABSTRACTS
We are now opening the call for paper proposals/abstracts. We welcome papers that will focus on public procurement from a theoretical, empirical, practical and institutional perspective. The conference in Dublin will be taking papers that are competitive, working and practitioner oriented. It is also proposed that there will be an opportunity for poster presentations in each stream.

Suggested streams of focus (this is not an all-inclusive list) will include:
- Public Procurement Policy
- Public Procurement as a Social/Economic Tool
- Lessons Learned
- Public Procurement and Transparency / Accountability
- Economics of Public Procurement
- Innovation and Public Procurement
- Small Business and Public Procurement
- Defence Procurement
- Sustainability and Public Procurement
- Public Procurement Governance

BEST PAPER AWARDS
There are three best paper awards, with $3,000 for the 1st best paper, $2,000 for the 2nd best paper, and $1,000 for the 3rd best paper. In addition, there are awards for students’ and practitioners’ best papers.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
Abstract submission must be completed online through the IPPC6 online abstract submission. Please see the website for more information www.ippc6.com

IMPORTANT DATES
Call for paper proposals 1st August 2013
Deadline for paper proposals 2nd September 2013
Notification of acceptance of paper proposals 30th September 2013
Closing date for full paper submission 3rd February 2014
Notification of acceptance of full papers 14th March 2014
Deadline for early registration 14th May 2014

WHY ATTEND
IPPC is targeted to procurement professionals, academic and government researchers, industry, policy makers and regulators. The conference particularly welcomes the attendance of students including graduate students and postdoctoral trainees.

CONFERENCE FEES
The registration fee for the full conference and workshop is €240 and €160 for students and participants from third world countries. To avail of the early registration fee, registration should be made before 14th May 2014. Those who pay after this deadline have to pay a €40.00 surcharge. Cancellations before the 14th May are eligible for a 50% refund of the conference fee. Registration will open in November 2013. The link to the online registration form and more information is available on the conference website www.ippc6.com

CONFERENCE CHAIR
Paul Davis, Dublin City University
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DUBLIN, IRELAND
Ireland is the most westerly island in Europe, and is divided into the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Ireland enjoys a rich diversity of ethnic groups and cultures. The conference will take place in Dublin which is the capital city. The city is steeped in history and buzzing with energy. Medieval, Georgian and modern architecture provide a backdrop to a friendly cosmopolitan city. Dublin is easily accessible from the UK, Continental Europe and the east and west coast of the USA and the Middle East. Please see the conference website for more information on access to Ireland. www.ippc6.com

VENUE INFORMATION
The conference will be held in the Aviva Stadium on Lansdowne Road which is 20 minutes walking distance from the city centre. This state of the art stadium is the home of rugby and football in Ireland and was completely rebuilt in 2010 and makes the perfect venue for the conference.

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FURTHER INFORMATION
Please see the conference website www.ippc6.com for regular updates.

For information on the programme or the call for abstracts, please contact:
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We have negotiated special discounted rates for IPPC delegates in a range of accommodation close to Aviva Stadium. To avail of these special discounted rates you will need to book your accommodation on your registration form. More information is available on the conference website www.ippc6.com