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Research Questionnaire

**Public sector procurement as a poverty alleviation mechanism at Gauteng
Department of Infrastructure Development (GDID)**

Dear Respondent

Please note that research provides scientific knowledge that can be used to determine the general applicability of objectives, as well as the efficient utilization of resources. The knowledge obtained by means of research can be used to improve decision-making. This is especially important when one considers that decision-making in the public or private sector is based on verified data and not on intuition, traditional or mere gut feeling (Brynard & Hanekom, 2006:1).

The completion of this questionnaire is not intended for any other purpose than to fulfill the research objectives:

- To give a theoretical exposition of the concept public sector procurement.
- To explore the processes and procedures used to procure goods and services at Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development.
- To determine the success or failure of the use of procurement in the construction industry within the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development.
- To give recommendations that will ensure the effective use of public sector procurement to alleviate poverty at the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development.

Instructions:

- Use a black pen and print clearly.
- Please cross X in the applicable box.
- Please complete the space provided for detail.
- Answer as honestly as possible.

SECTION A: Procurement procedures, processes and systems

Please note: This section must be completed by GDID procurement official only.

1. Choose the instrument(s) mostly used by SCM unit when procuring goods and services at GDID to achieve Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) objectives.

Balanced score card	
Preferential procurement	

2. Do the above ticked instrument(s), as applied by the SCM unit, achieve the set BEE objectives?

yes	no
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3. Do you think the 10 and 20 points allocated for preference in the 10/90 and 20/80 point system respectively, are sufficient for the achievement of the BEE objectives?

yes	no
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Use the space below to provide more detail.

4. Which of the following procurement methods is mostly used by the SCM unit?

Request for quotations	
Tendering	

5. Does the department encourage Joint Venture relationships?

yes	no
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Use the space below to provide more detail.

6.

7. Does the department encourage sub-contracting relationships?

yes	no
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Use the space below to provide more detail.

Does the department monitor the joint venture and subcontractor relationships in project awarded by the department?

yes	no
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8. Do you think such relationships are beneficial to the emerging contractor?
Use the space below to provide more detail.

9. Do you think the department or procurement unit is performing in relation to the achievement of BEE objectives in the department?

yes	no
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Use the space below to provide more detail.

10. How can the department improve in order to have procurement benefiting more black SMMEs?

Use the space below to provide more detail.

SECTION B: Achieving procurement objectives

Please note: This section must be completed by construction company owners only.

11. Please complete the table below.

CIDB level	Class of works	Area or location where company is situated	Year of registration with CIDB

12. Please state the gender(male/female) of members: member 1 _____

member 2 _____

member 3 _____

member 4 _____

13. Do the member(s) have any qualification(s) or skills in the construction industry?

yes	no
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14. If you answered yes in number 4 above, please state the qualification(s) or skills.

15. Is your company registered on the GDID database?

yes	no
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16. Is your company registered on the Gauteng Shared Services Centre Database?

yes	no
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17. How many projects have you tendered for at GDID in the last three years? _____

18. How many of those tenders were awarded to your company? _____

19. Please provide information on tenders you were awarded by completing the table below.

Tender number	Value in Rands	Year and month awarded	Contract Duration	Number of people employed
1				

2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				

20. Has your company sub-contracted for a tender awarded by GDID?

yes	no
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21. If you answered yes above, was the contractor-subcontractor relationship monitored for fair labour practices and skills transfer to the sub-contracting company by the GDID?

22. Was the contractor- subcontractor relationship beneficial to your company?

yes	no
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23. If you answered yes above, what were the benefits?

24. Was your company ever awarded a joint venture tender by GDID?

yes	no
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25. If you answered yes above, was the joint-venture relationship monitored by GDID?

26. If you answered yes in number, what were the benefits?

27. Has your company ever been blacklisted by any government department?

yes	no
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28. Government procurement has been able to transfer economic benefits to previously disadvantaged people (PDI).

yes	no
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29. Government institutions established to provide financial and non-financial support to emerging contractors have been successful.

yes	no
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30. Government procurement has been successfully utilized to provide employment to PDI.

yes	no
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31. Unsuccessful bidders, particularly emerging contractors are properly debriefed to encourage future participation.

yes	no
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32. Government procurement is able to distribute benefits to the broader community and the majority of South Africa's PDI.

yes	no
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33. Procurement information is easily accessible to emerging contractors.

yes	no
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34. How can procurement be better utilized to benefit SMMEs or PDIs?

Date Questionnaire Completed: 2010/ __/ __

Questionnaire completed by: _____

Signature: _____