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ABSTRACT

Regulating Public Private Partnership in Sri Lanka: The Public Sector Perspective

Governments around the world have sought to involve the private sector in the delivery of public services that have customarily been within the public authorities' domain through Privatization and Public Private Public Private Partnership is an innovative approach to procurement, where the intersection of the public and private sector forces to provide a public service or facility. According to the recent years' budget speeches, it was revealed that there is a vast trend in Public Private Partnerships in future Sri Lanka. Lack of well-established legal and regulatory framework has been identified as one of key challenges among implementing Public Private Partnerships. Thus, this study attempts to identify how existing PPP procurement law should be reformed to meet challenges in procuring Public Private Partnership.

Widely used national and international model laws, guidelines, constitution, government circulars, published reports and case laws were used to collect secondary data while case studies has been adopted to collect primary data. Desk review method has been used to analysis secondary data and primary data were analysed through content analysis and cross case analysis methods.

This study identified that based on international model laws and guides, various countries around the world, have been enacted special Public Private Partnership law or guidelines to regulate it in their countries. In Sri Lanka, there is no specific act dealt with Public Private Partnership procurement and Part II Guideline and subsequently issued supplements to it, form Public Private Partnership procurement law in Sri Lanka. Research results revealed that short term and long terms reforms are required for existing Public Private Partnership procurement law to meet future challenges in procuring. Finally, as a guide a framework for reforming existing Sri Lankan Public Private Partnership procurement law was developed.

Key words: Economic Development, Public Private Partnership, Tradition Public Procurement

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB - Asian Development Bank

BII - Bureau of Infrastructure Investment

BOI - Broad of Investment

BOO - Build, Own and Operate

BOOT - Build, Own, Operate and Transfer

BOT - Build, Operate and Transfer

CANC - Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee

CBSL - Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CE - Chief Engineer

DGM - Deputy General Manager

DL - Director Legal

DPD - Deputy Project Director

EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

EOI - Expression of Interest

GDP - Gross Domestic Product

LO - Legal Officer

LTA - Lead Transaction Advisor

MOF - Ministry of Finance

NC - Negotiation Committee

OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

PC - Project Committee

PD - Project Director

PFI - Private Financial Initiatives

PFIP - Privately Financed Infrastructure Project

RFP - Request for Proposal

PPP - Public Private Partnership

PS - Procurement Specialist

SPV - Special Purpose Vehicle

TPP - Traditional Public Procurement

UNCITRAL - United Nation Commission on International Trade Law

UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organization

USAID - United States Agency for International Development

VFM - Value for Money

WB - World Bank