



NIABT seminar on Public Sector Procurement in Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust (NIABT) works to forge links with, and promote the exchange of knowledge and information between local businesses and parliamentarians in Northern Ireland.

NIABT, in partnership with the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, Ilex and Derry City Council is holding a seminar on Public Sector Procurement and the challenges businesses face. This event has been arranged in conjunction with the City of Culture Business Engagement update event at 4:45pm on Wednesday 28th September in the Waterfoot Hotel, Caw Roundabout, Derry-Londonderry. For further details contact Andrew Potter on 07860346569.

At the NIABT seminar, John Gibson, Head of Procurement for the Northern Ireland Assembly will outline public sector procurement in Northern Ireland and the challenges it faces. The discussion will look at new regulations such as the EU Remedies Directive, the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) on procurement, the gap between commissioning and procurement and the impact of legal challenges.

Norah Ann Barron, Managing Director of Pi Communications will also speak at the seminar where she will share her real life experiences with public sector procurement.

The main purpose of the seminar will be to encourage discussion on improving awareness for suppliers and how procurement

procedures can provide greater value for money for the public purse.

It will also provide an opportunity for businesses to gain an understanding of the public procurement process including issues around demonstrating value for money.

The seminar will be followed by a Q & A Session.

Date: Thursday 29 September 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Magee Campus, Derry-Londonderry

Agenda

5:30	Arrival / registration
6:00	Welcome remarks – William Hay MLA, NIABT President
6:05	John Gibson, Head of Procurement, NI Assembly
7:00	Norah Ann Barron, Managing Director, Pi Communications
7.30	Supper
8:30	Close

RSVP by:

14 September 2011 to Ivor Gibson at niabt@niassembly.gov.uk or telephone 028 9041 8365.

We look forward to seeing you