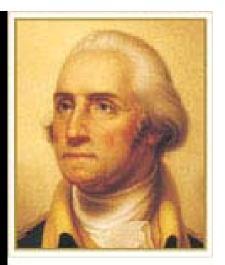
Rapporteur's Reflections



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Procurement Reform

- On-going evolution, ever-changing
 - -The Only Constant is CHANGE
 - Priorities, Needs, Capacity, Markets
- Evolving best practices
 - –No optimal solution
 - -Unlimited models

three now-familiar themes....

1. Transparency

- Critical to good governance
- Show money wisely spent
- Provides certainty for private sector
 - -Maximizes competition
 - -Increases value for money

2. Corruption Control: Employ third-party oversight

- Enhances transparency
- Fosters credibility
 - at home and abroad
- Permits continuous learning and improvement

3. Capacity Building

- Information is power
 - share ideas, borrow best practices
- Infrastructure, information technology
- Workforce (professional buyers)

Capacity Building: Human Capital

- Education and experience
- Independence
- Incentives (compensation) and disincentives
- Professional Development
- Professional standards
 - -Performance
 - -Ethics

- Critical Trend:
 Economic Crisis
 - -Legitimate Fear for impact upon domestic:
 - Employment
 - Private Sector
- Protectionism Concerns?

Concerns with Protectionism?

- (1) <u>limits competition</u> (hence Government likely will pay an inefficient premium for what it buys);
- (2) difficult to implement, particularly to the extent that it ignores the realities of the global supply chain;

Concerns with Protectionism?

- (3) spur <u>retaliations</u>, limiting domestic firms' access to foreign markets (which, cumulatively, exceed the domestic market); and
- (4) <u>violates pre-existing international</u> <u>agreements</u> and obligations (and diminishes states' standing as free trade proponents).

• Inescapable Trend: Globalization

- -Multinational markets
- -Multinational firms
- -Global supply chain
 - Free flow of
 - -Capital
 - -Information
 - -Technology
 - -Personnel



Harmonization of international procurement norms,

best practices

- -WTO GPA
- -EU
- -OECD
- -UN-UNCITRAL Model Law
- -World Bank
 - Country Procurement Systems
- -Bilateral, regional agreements



WTO and GPA Negotiated Accession

- GPA members <u>want</u> you to pursue accession
- GPA requirements represent not just *minimum standards*, but (arguably) best practices
- Determine what works best for YOU

Procurement & Trade Policy

Prioritize goals

- Know what YOU want!
- Understand long-term trade-offs

•Involve stakeholders:

- –Public (taxpayers)
- –Government (buyers)
- –Business/ private sector (sellers)

•Make BOTH cases:

- economics (makes business sense)
- public policy (good government)

What is most important to <u>you?</u>

Transparency

Integrity/Accountability

Competition

Uniformity

Risk Avoidance

Wealth Distribution (social policy?)

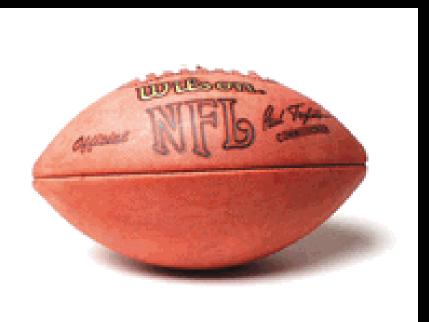
Best value

Efficiency (administrative)

Customer Satisfaction

Public Service Management (& public procurement) Models:

Rules, Principles, Outcomes



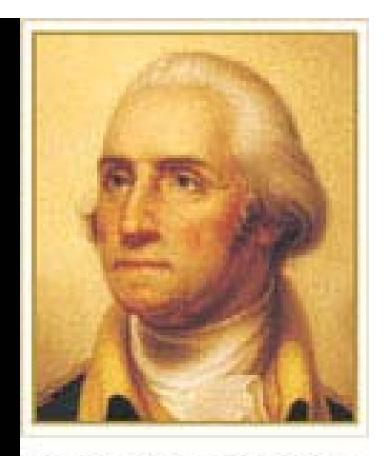




Embrace Change

- Experiment
 - Learn from mistakes
- Grow, Evolve
- Seek Excellent Outcomes
 - Seek value for <u>your</u> money!
- •Celebrate Incremental Improvement

Good Luck!



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