



Re-launch of PACCER Courses

Since 1997 the Procurement and Contracting Centre for Education & Research (PACCER) has been providing Public Sector officers with procurement and contract management training. This training is provided through PACCER to meet the Victorian Government Purchasing Board's (VGPB) legislative responsibility to provide information and training to Public Officials

Over the past twelve months the Victorian Government Procurement Group within the Department of Treasury and Finance, undertook a full review of the training framework. This led to an upgrade of the competency based training courses on offer through PACCER.

The objectives of the review project include:

- ensuring the courses align to the revised Public Sector training package PSP04;
- ensuring the courses contain the most contemporary procurement and contract management practices possible, including VGPB policy; and
- building greater cohesion and branding between the five existing competency based courses.

PACCER courses are an important strategy for ensuring Public Officials have the capabilities required to deliver value for money procurement outcomes for the Victorian community.

To date, PACCER courses have attracted over 4,700 participants from government departments, agencies and suppliers. To ensure value for money outcomes are achieved participants undertake competency based training on all stages of the procurement and contract management process, including preparing tender specifications, evaluating bids and managing contracts.

A key element of this strategy is to promote the importance of PACCER to private industry and ensure course material is relevant to the external environment. As a result PACCER are looking at how the training framework integrates with external pathways such as tertiary qualifications and professional associations including the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Australia (CISPA)

In promoting the importance of the PACCER program and the revised courses available, Minister for Finance, John Lenders and Chairman of the VGPB, Bruce Hartnett performed the re-launch on 17 February 2006.

Minister John Lenders, highlighted many of the positive attributes of PACCER including links with a national network of State government procurement departments and work currently underway to promote a strategic sourcing approach to procurement. This work will see the skills requirements for Public Officials evolving even further in the future.

The launch received strong support from government departments, representatives from the tertiary sector as well as CIPSA.

Further details about PACCER can be found at www.paccer.vic.gov.au



Minister for Finance John Lenders with CEO of CIPSA Jonathon Dutton



The launch attracted a good cross section of government departments and external interested parties