



1ST INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

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MOTIVATION AND GOALS

The Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen and the Faculty of Economics of the University of Rome Tor Vergata announce the launch of the 1st Interdisciplinary Procurement Symposium on Public Procurement. Its aim is to, through dialogue and discourse, bring together economists and lawyers in the field of public procurement, in search of reducing their language barriers and cultural diversities, aiming at reaching a joint wider understanding of specific issues, also to fulfill the ambitious task of suggesting reform for better rules of acquisition for Public Administrations. While topics and references will certainly involve the European Union environment it shall not be limited to this area, taking advantage of best practices worldwide.

The first edition will take place in Rome, June 6th and 7th, 2011 in the beautiful setting of the ancient Villa Mondragone, in the outskirts of Rome, during two days - each one subdivided into 2 themes, for a total of 4 themes.

Papers presented will be partly based on invitations (8 papers) of scholars and partly on the selection of another 8 papers submitted (see below "Call for Abstracts"). We encourage you to submit abstracts of papers on the 4 following themes only:

- 1. Competitive dialogue and contractual design fostering innovation and need analysis;**
- 2. Separation of selection and award criteria, including exclusion of reputation indicators like references to experience, performance and CV's from award criteria;**
- 3. Retendering a contract for breach of procurement rules or changes to contract;**
- 4. Set-asides for small and medium firms, as in the USA system with the Small Business Act that reserves shares of tenders to SMEs only.**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be between 150 and 200 words. They should be sent, together with the CV of the proposer, by January 30th 2011, at symposium2011@economia.uniroma2.it. They should include reference to use of data, novelty of the approach, reasoning or result. Only two abstracts in each field for each theme will be selected on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee. By February 15th 2011, authors will be notified of the result of this first stage of selection.

By May 1st 2011 selected authors will have to submit a 15-20 pages non technical paper, including references, and possible graphs and/or tables. Finally selected authors to the Symposium will be offered room and flight arrangements and exempted from conference fee payment.

Some of the rejected papers might be circulated in the conference and the author might also be invited to the Symposium by the organizers with full or partial coverage of travel and/or accommodation costs.

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