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Procuring Better Building Projects

Five industry and professional membership-based organizations from the building fraternity have come together to host a forum focusing on a best practice approach to the procurement of construction projects.

The forum will take the form of a luncheon at Crown Perth from 12:30-2:30pm on Thursday 15 June and will involve a panel facilitated by Greg Nairn from Lavan Legal and comprising:

- Basil Georgiou – Lead Partner, Jackson McDonald
- Suzie Hunt – President, Australian Institute of Architects
- Richard Mann – Executive Director, Strategic Projects Department of Treasury
- Andrew Schroth, Executive Director, WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff

According to spokesman, Michael McLean there tends to be a lot of negative publicity about the procurement process when high profile construction projects experience cost over-runs, time delays and technical problems.

“Master Builders, the Australian Institute of Architects, Consult Australia, the Australian Institute of Building and Engineers Australia believe our industry needs to learn from the past and advocate for a better procurement model,” Mr McLean said.

“History suggests there is a need to change the way built environment projects are procured to create a win-win outcome for clients, builders, specialist contractors and professional consultants,” Mr McLean said.

“The forum our group of Associations has organized on 15 June will be thought provoking and something our industry can learn from.”

“Ideally, we would like public sector agencies to take the lead with their procurement practices for the betterment of taxpayers,” Mr McLean said.

“Creating a better procurement model at the outset of a construction project will reap countless dividends by the conclusion of that same project,” Mr McLean concluded.

Anyone interested in attending the luncheon can register via bit.ly/2oB3j5o.

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