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To: Singapore Green Building Services (SGBS) Certified Organisations

Revision to the Public Sector Agencies Payment Schedule for the Procurement of Construction Consultancy Services

Background

In 2018, the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and the Construction Industry Joint Committee (CIJC) set up the BCA-CIJC Procurement Discussion Group (PDG) to address the industry's feedback in a more responsive manner as well as to collectively refine public sector construction procurement policies towards industry transformation.

The PDG was tasked with reviewing the payment milestone policies to facilitate consultants' cashflow and interim payment milestones were identified to provide more regular payments during each stage of the project, especially when the durations between milestones are long.

Revision to Payment Schedule

The PDG has worked closely with key industry stakeholders to finalise the enhanced payment schedule which will be released to the government agencies for procurement of construction consultancy services on 1 June 2020. Full details of the payment schedule (for Architect, M&E Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, Project Manager, C&S Engineer respectively) can be found on the SGBC website at: https://www.sgbc.sg/images/Revisions_to_Payment%20Schedule_Apr2020.pdf.

It is important to note that the payment schedules are for general guidance only and the individual government agencies will continue to have the flexibility to stipulate the milestones where necessary and appropriate.

Government agencies have been reminded that payment should be based on the actual sequence of services provided and not to alter any item that will unduly delay the consultants' cashflow. For existing contracts that have been executed, it will be the agencies' discretion to decide, as a party to the contract, whether there is a need for any further changes to the contract.

In light of this development, affected organisations should contact their respective contract owners for further discussions on any potential adjustments to the items of service and payment schedules where necessary.

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