



THE BUSINESS REGULATION PROGRAM IN LAC PHASE II BUSINESS ENTRY REFORM - DOMINICA

PRIVATE SECTOR TRAINING/WORKSHOP COMPLETED!

On March 29th – 31st, 2016, training/workshops were conducted for the Phase II of the Business Entry Reform Online Business Registration system which was well attended by representatives from several law firms and IBC Agencies.



During the workshops, representatives were provided with manuals and an overview of the new version of the Online Business Registration System (OBRS) where the following key concepts were demonstrated online in the new system:

- ❖ User credentials (e-filing)
- ❖ Name reservation
- ❖ Business Name/Company Registration
- ❖ Incorporation
- ❖ Amendments
- ❖ Annual Returns/License / Agent Fees





During the overview of Phase II presented by Registrar, Sandra Julien, the audience was provided with a background and the need for the enhancement/upgrade. They were also able to get a view of the system, the new website launched and the capabilities within the system.

Participants engaged by asking questions, making recommendations to the systems, and obtaining clarification on the Companies' act. Light refreshment was enjoyed during the break where networking among the private sector was seen.

The goals of the workshop were achieved which includes the following:

- to provide an overview of the new version of the Online Business Registration System (OBRS)
- to provide knowledge on the new features which will allow the users to do their jobs quickly and accurately as they were doing with the old version
- to equip users with the required information in order to reap the benefits from the new features

Each training/workshop lasted for four hours where at the end an evaluation form was filled out by the participants. The workshop was well received by all who attended.

The training/workshops ended with the Vote of thanks conducted by Registrar, Sandra Julien.



Phase II Business Entry Reform Training/Workshops was able to achieve the learning objective of providing an overall understanding of the new version of the Online Business Registration System (OBRS) as evidenced by the feedback results received.



New version of the system is expected to go live in April and will be located at the same web address of www.cipo.gov.dm.



Project Highlight

Phase II Business Entry Reform Project duration is from April 2015 to June 2016.

Implementation of the project plan is in progress where 85% of the Medium Term Activities have been completed. Activities completed include the following:

- Synergy continues with CARICOM where conference call conducted to confirm the equipment needs and national registry hosting preference (which will be local premises for Dominica)
- Performed final review of all forms and provided updates to the firm for implementation
- Successfully executed Law Firm/IBC Agent Training/Workshops with favourable feedback obtained
- E-payment merchant application has been signed and submitted to the bank for processing
- Testing is in progress between the firm and IRD
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is in progress
- Correction of issues identified and enhancement of interoperability between agencies are in progress.
- Data cleansing effort is in progress where over 5,267 files have been reviewed and updated in the data entry portal. Business names have been completed and currently working on companies

Next Steps



- Firm completion of development of enhancement/issues
- User Acceptance Testing completion
- Execute Soft Launch
- Beta Testing of the e-Regional system
- Continue working with CARICOM on synergy activities

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- CIPO: www.cipo.gov.dm
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- DSS: www.dss.dm
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