

## 2<sup>nd</sup> PCDC Flash Poll – The role of knowledge in enabling procurement taking on a more strategic role

*The Procurement Capacity Development Centre ([PCDC](#)) has initiated a series of flash polls to gauge the opinions of the global public procurement community, including practitioners, policy makers, advisors and other stakeholders. The polls will look into trends and perceptions on a series of topics to shed light on where public procurement is and where it is going.*

### *Results, 10 November 2011*

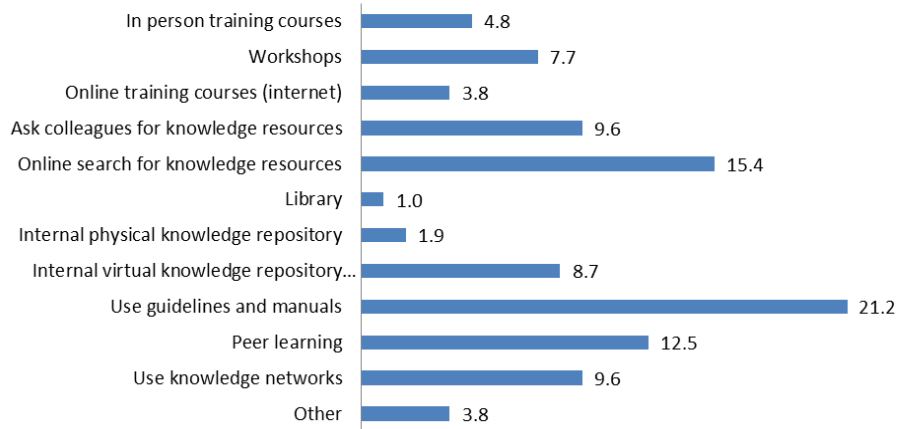
The first flash poll looked into the role of procurement, asking how respondents see the current role procurement being perceived, and how it will be perceived in the future. The results indicated that PCDC's user see the public procurement function taking on a much more strategic role as opposed to a purely clerical and administrative function.

The second flash poll took a look at how knowledge plays a part in enabling the transition from administrative to strategic, by asking how knowledge is obtained; what types of knowledge are needed for transitioning the role of procurement in a strategic direction; and what content is needed for transitioning the role of procurement in a strategic direction.

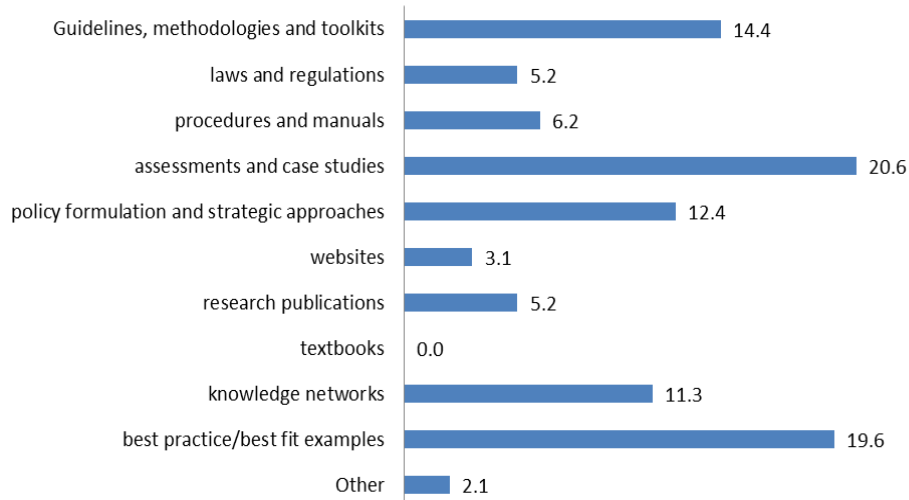
The results (charts included below) show the following:

- Practical types of sources of knowledge (guidelines and manuals) are the most utilized for gaining knowledge, followed by online searching.
- Networks play an important role in how knowledge is accessed: Peer learning, virtual knowledge repositories, knowledge networks and simply asking colleagues for the needed knowledge resource are all commonly used ways of obtaining knowledge. Interestingly all of these ways seem to be more utilized than both in-person and web-based training.
- Assessments, case studies, best practice examples along with guidelines, methodologies and toolkits are identified as the most needed type of knowledge resource to move procurement into a more strategic space.
- Regarding the specific content that is needed in order to make procurement a more strategic function, guidance on how to integrate procurement in broader public sector management, along with information on capacity assessments and planning, are the two most mentioned content areas.

**How do you most often obtain knowledge related to your work in procurement? (% responses)**



**What types of knowledge resources are needed for you to help enable public procurement to transform into a more strategic role? (% responses)**



**What knowledge content do you need to help move procurement towards a more strategic role? (% responses)**

