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## **Preface**

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There were forty-six papers submitted for presentations at the conference. Through a peer review process, six papers were selected for publication in the *Journal of Public Procurement* (Volume 4, Issue 3, 2004); nineteen for publication in this book; and the remaining twenty-one papers are in a CD form of the Conference Proceedings. These papers have been accepted for publication in other publication outlets such as academic journals and books; or need to be revised for publication consideration in future issues of the *Journal of Public Procurement*.

The book will be a great contribution to public procurement knowledge and practices. Practitioners and academic from various cultural, social, economic and political environments and various organizations share their procurement knowledge and experiences. In our current e-world, the readers of this book should not be surprised to see public procurement practitioners in different countries have experienced similar challenges; and researchers have conducted their research on similar procurement issues.

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