

“TERMS OF REFERENCE”

“Localising political reform in Lebanon: Supporting local governments and civil society to effect change in their communities”

Public Procurement Senior Legal Expert

Summary

A new Public Procurement Law was adopted in July 2021. It is a turning point in curbing corruption. Indeed, Lebanon has an outdated and fragmented public procurement system with considerable gaps, resulting in inefficiencies and high risks of corruption.

This law provides a coherent and transparent public procurement system, in line with international standards and based on sound legal and institutional foundations. It will achieve savings, reduce inefficiency and corruption, allowing better service delivery to citizens. It will also strengthen municipal governance, where local authorities will be more efficient and transparent.

Along the same lines, the Lebanese Parliament has been working on the modernisation of municipal laws since June 2019, with the intention of creating an enabling municipal environment based on the principles of integrity, accountability, and subsidiarity. This has mainly consisted in revisiting/updating the Municipal Law (No. 118 of 30 June 1977 and its amendments). In addition, ongoing exchanges with the Lebanese Parliament and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), and the Directorate General for Local Administrations and Councils (DGLAC), have emphasised the need to revamp the municipal taxation and financial management systems to boost local government effectiveness, primarily through the revision of the law on Municipal Fees and Surtaxes (No. 60 of 12 August 1988).

Following the successful partnership established between The Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace (LFPCP) and Democracy Reporting International (DRI) since 2021, both parties will continue collaborating and working together in 2024 to deliver a number of training sessions for the Lebanese local authorities on the public procurement system and its implementation framework. To this end, it is planned to deliver 8 full-day training sessions in 2 Lebanese regions (4 in each region).

Description

LFPCP is seeking for a public procurement Senior Legal Expert with an extensive experience in the new Public Procurement Law in Lebanon to provide 8 full-day training sessions in 2 Lebanese regions (4 in each region).

The Public Procurement Senior Legal Expert will ensure that targets are reached by the end of the project.

Deliverables

The outputs of the mission consist of:

- a. Developing and preparing the training materials for eight sessions on the new Law of Public Procurement in Lebanon.
- b. Assist in the coordination and implementation of the training sessions.
- c. Provide comprehensive training sessions to local authorities on the new public procurement system and its implementation framework.
- d. Provide a training report(s).

Expert Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Law, or equivalent related to the assignment.
- Minimum 10 years of working experience in the legislative processes as a lawyer, and/or university professor and/or legal expert.
- Previous experience in providing training and capacity building programmes.
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills in English and Arabic; (French is an asset).
- Ability to write concise, readable and analytical reports and understanding of public communications.
- Good knowledge in Lebanese Public Procurement system and regulations.

Timeline

The assignment shall take place from June 12, 2024 to December 15, 2024 (12 working days)

How to apply

Applicants should have a proven, long-standing experience in Public Procurement and a proficient level of Arabic and English.

LFPCP is committed to equal opportunities and diversity of perspective at the working place, regardless of gender, social background or personal situation.

Interested candidates shall send their: 1) updated CV, including list of previous working experience, 2) A Financial Offer / Daily Rate, to this email: info@lfpcp.org.

The deadline of submission of the application is Friday 7 of June, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.