INTRODUCTION

The services sector is the fastest growing component in the global economy and post-industrial countries are now solidly ‘service’ oriented, setting the scenario for this sector to play a major role also in the economy of developing and least-developed countries. It includes virtually any economic activity that is not agricultural production or manufacturing, such as financial services, banking, waste disposal, maintenance, transport, water, health, catering, post and telecoms etc.

In the context of increased emphasis on “results” in developments projects and in the delivery of general public services, this 5-day course aims to give a definition of the nature of physical services and to analyse all the characteristics of the procurement of such category by promoting efficiency and improved levels of service next to innovation and competition.

A particular focus will be placed on Performance-Based Contracting (PBC), underlying the differences between input and output specifications in order to enable the participants upgrading their capacity while “buying” and managing Performance-based contracting services.

In addition the course provides essential practical business skills indispensable for successful implementation of this particular contracting strategy: from setting up Performance Based Specification, as an output describing requirements in terms of functionality, quality and standards, to handling properly qualification requirements and, at the evaluation stage, screening correctly the different solutions proposed by bidders. The course will also explain how to link risks and incentives with measurable performance targets and how in detail to define proper Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Explanations are given on how to achieve dynamic and pro-active management input to make the best use of available resources and to foster customer’s view during contract management phase to enhance the quality of a service.

OBJECTIVES

Course participants will be able to understand how procurement of services differs from procurement of goods and works and consulting services and how available new techniques can aid the traditional, strictly regulated procurement processes to achieve provision of high quality services. By analysing practical cases, they will also get confident in specifying outputs and solving issues related to PBC through KPIs.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

The course is delivered by senior procurement advisors and consultants from ITC-ILO. The course is conducted using a highly participative training delivery methodology through a combination of interactive presentations by subject-matter specialists followed by plenary discussions. Individual and group assignments are used extensively in order to demonstrate in practice the proper application of IFIs’ guidelines and to
enable measurement of participants’ learning achievement. Solution and analysis of case studies are emphasised as principal techniques for acquisition of new knowledge and attainment of prescribed exit competencies. Individual guidance is provided, upon request, to help participants to troubleshoot procurement-related problems on their own projects.

COURSE CONTENT

- Definition and nature of physical services.
- Types of physical services
- Procurement strategy, market analysis and planning.
- Performance based specifications and specifying outputs.
- Procurement strategies and pre-qualification.
- Review of ToRs and their typical content
- Bid evaluation criteria and contract award negotiations.
- Social, labour and environmental clauses typically used in awarding procedures and contract clauses.
- Contract management for physical services and quality assurance systems.

PARTICIPANTS’ PROFILE

The target audience are project directors and procurement staff from projects funded by International Financial Institutions (World Bank, Asian and African Development Banks, European Union, United Nations, etc.), national public procurement practitioners as well as the trainers of public procurement personnel. Governments officials involved in the control, monitoring and audit of national procurement operations will also find this course useful.

Candidates are expected to have basic knowledge of procurement practice in the public or private sector as well as a sound knowledge of the English language.

COST OF PARTICIPATION

The cost of participation in this 5-day programme is Euro 2,285 payable in advance by the participant’s sponsoring organization. This covers:

- tuition fee, which includes the use of the Centre's training facilities and associated support services, books and training materials, routine medical care and insurance;
- participant fee, which covers accommodation and full-board at the Centre.

Main travel between the participant’s home country and Turin is not included.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators. Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

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