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Deadline For Application: 27 May 2015

POSITION TITLE:	Procurement Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Various duty stations
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Procurement Service (CSAP)	DURATION:	Fixed term: one year (renewable)
	Administrative Services Division (CSA)	POST NUMBER:	Roster
	Corporate Services, Human Resources and Finance Department (CS)	CCOG CODE:	1.A.09

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

Procurement Service provides policy and operational support to ensure that the Organization procures goods, works and services based on "Best Value for Money" principles.

The post will be located in a decentralized office and may be responsible for procurement activities in more than one country. The Procurement Officer performs procurement activities related to the preparation of tender documents, draft and finalisation of contracts or Purchase Orders for goods, work or services for FAO decentralised offices

Reporting lines

The Procurement Officer reports functionally to the Chief, Procurement Service (CSAP) and administratively to the highest ranking Officer in the duty station.

Technical Focus

Procurement of goods and services and Quality Assurance for Letters of Agreement in compliance with FAO rules and regulations

Key Results

The delivery of procurement services in accordance with internal policies, FAO procurement guidelines and best practice

Key Functions

- Leads and/or participates on teams and provides expertise on Organization-wide committees or working groups, and/or supervises staff;
- Plans, develops and manages all procurement and contractual aspects of significant complexity;
- Advises requisitioning units and recipient entities on the full range of procurement issues, providing support and guidance at all stage of the procurement cycle, meeting objectives under tight deadlines;
- Prepares solicitation process, identifies method of solicitation, drafts tendering documents, distributes invitations to tender and conduct all aspects of bid/proposals evaluations and ensures that the solicitation process is fair, objective and transparent and that it follows the general principles, as set forth in the FAO Manual Section;
- Prepares and presents cases to the Local and Headquarters Procurement Committees;
- Participates in and conducts site inspections, bidder's conferences and contract negotiations;
- Conducts market research to keep abreast of market developments; researches and analyses statistical data and market reports on the world commodity situation, production patterns and availability of goods and services;
- Contributes to updating procurement policies and related tools, provides procurement reporting as well as clarification/information for auditing purposes;
- Participates in the development of training and related training materials and promotes best practices and capacity development at HQ and the Decentralized Offices;
- Provides guidance to new/junior staff as necessary.

Specific functions

- Undertakes the Buyer function in conformity with FAO rules and regulations;
- Reviews Letters of Agreement in conformity with the Quality Assurance function as set forth in FAO rules and regulations;
- Identifies and makes initial determinations and recommendations concerning disputes or claims arising out of procurement actions;
- Organizes and participates in, as appropriate, local tender opening panels and the Local Procurement Committee (LPC);
- Coordinates with forwarding agents relating to custom clearance, packing, and shipment of goods and maintain logistics records of such procurement-related activities.

Candidates will be assessed against the following

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Law, Business, Administration, Economics, Public Administration or Commerce or a related field. Candidates holding a first level university degree (Bachelors' degree or equivalent) may also be considered if possessing two additional years of relevant work experience
- Five years of relevant experience in procurement related activities including at least three years of supervisory experience

- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of one of the other languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish). Depending on the duty station, working knowledge of a second official language may be a requirement.

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationship
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Demonstrated knowledge of internationally recognized procurement standards and of all phases of international procurement techniques and operations used in contracting for a diverse range of goods and services
- Extent and relevance of experience in public sector procurement dealing with complex contractual issues, revise and draft contract, formulate options and propose recommendations
- Extent and relevance of experience in identifying clients' procurement-related needs and in providing support and guidance from clients' point of view
- Extent and relevance of experience in logistics operations is desirable.
- Depending on the duty station, working knowledge of a second official language (in particular French) is considered a strong asset
- Knowledge of procurement-related IT tools and systems (i.e. enterprise resource planning, inventory management, procurement, database management applications, etc.)
- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments.
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see "*How to Apply*"). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

TO APPLY:

For guidelines to applicants, please visit the application toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

Send your application to:

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