
JOB POSTING DETAILS

Posting Title:	Procurement Assistant, GL-5
Job Code Title:	Procurement Assistant
Opening Number:	UNMHA-2019-NJO-013
Department/Office:	United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA)
Location:	Sana'a, Yemen
Type of Contract:	Temporary
Duration of Contract:	Six (6) Months
Posting period:	28 May – 8 June 2019

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

Special Notice:

This position is being advertised for advance planning purposes pending formal approval of the relevant funding and staffing structures for a duration of 6 months. An appointment may be terminated, or post level adjusted in accordance with the Staff Rules for such reasons as abolition of post or reduction of staff or committee funding approvals, for example in the event that the funding for the post is not approved or the mandate of the mission is not extended.

The United Nations Secretariat is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its staff. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Org. Setting and Reporting:

The position is located in the Procurement Unit of the Mission Support Component of the United Nations Mission in Support of the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA). The incumbent will be based in Sana'a, Yemen and will report to the Chief Procurement Officer or his/her designate.

Responsibilities:

The Procurement Assistant assists in the implementation of effective and efficient management and delivery of procurement of goods and services and sale activities required by the mission to fulfil its mandate and carry out the procurement work in an effective, efficient, economical and timely manner.

Within the limits of delegated authority, the incumbent will be responsible for performing the following duties:

- Provides procurement, logistical and administrative support to a team of Procurement Officers in the acquisition of a wide variety of goods and services;
- Produces tender documents (e.g. Invitations to Bids, Requests for Proposals and Requests for Quotation) based on the nature of requirements and cost of procurement involved;
- Prepares abstracts of offers and compiles data contained in quotations, proposals and bids to determine which supplier can deliver the required goods/services at the best terms and lowest costs possible under the guidance of Procurement Officers;
- Monitors status of existing requisitions, maintains contact with suppliers to ensure timely delivery of goods and services, coordinates shipment of goods/commodities/equipment to HQ and field missions, verifies receipt and inspection of deliverables and accurately reports, as and if required;
- Finalizes purchase orders and contracts for approval by the Procurement Officer;
- Assists relevant officers in more complex, higher value purchasing operations; coordinates distribution of pertinent documents to concerned parties, ensures appropriate follow-up action, etc;
- Maintains relevant internal databases and files; keeps track of any contractual agreements, systems contracts, etc. and informs affected users of contractual rights and obligations;
- Researches, retrieves and presents information from a variety of internal and external sources on sources of supply, vendors by commodity, etc., as well as obtain specifications for new products and equipment on the market;
- Drafts routine correspondence;
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Core Competencies:

Professionalism: Extensive knowledge of all purchasing and accounting techniques. Substantive knowledge of internal procurement policies, processes and procedures and extensive experience in their application for the purchase of a wide range of supplies and services. Thorough knowledge of financial rules and regulations; ability to research and gather information from a variety of external and internal sources; demonstrated ability to apply good judgment in the context of assignments given. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations.

Planning and Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; Identifies priority activities and assignments and adjusts priorities as required; Allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; Foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; Monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; Uses time efficiently.

Client Orientation: Considers all those to whom services are provided to be "clients " and seeks to see things from clients' point of view; Establishes and maintains productive partnerships with clients by gaining their trust and respect; Identifies clients' needs and matches them to appropriate solutions; Monitors ongoing developments inside and outside the clients' environment to keep informed and anticipate problems; Keeps clients informed of progress or setbacks in projects; Meets timeline for delivery of products or services to client.

Education:

A high school diploma or equivalent is required.

A first-level university degree and/or professional training in Procurement or Contracts Management is desirable.

Work Experience:

A minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in procurement, contracts management or related area is required. Experience within the United Nations common system, handling procurement-related matters is desirable. Experience providing procurement assistance in or to a UN field operation is desirable.

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the position advertised, fluency in English and Arabic (both oral and written) is required.

Assessment:

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which may be followed by a competency-based interview.

United Nations Considerations:

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8). The United Nations Secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

No Fee:

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