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PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND HEALTH SECTOR GOODS

THE STORY SO FAR

For a number of years, there have been comments that the procurement of Health Service Goods by the Logistics Management Division (LMD) of the Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Population has been opaque. In order to reduce these notions, DFID have provided two international procurement consultants under NHSSP to assist and to advise LMD.

IMPROVED EFFICIENCY

With the signing of the Financing Agreement of 18th August, 2010 between the Government and the World Bank, the Government handed over responsibility for procurement of International Competitive Bidding processes to the World Bank's Guidelines for procurement. For National Competitive Bidding processes, the Government retains the responsibility for procurement to be conducted under the Public Procurement Act and Regulations using documents authorised by the Public Procurement Monitoring Office. These procedures have been improved giving rise to increased efficiency. Standard Bidding Documents, and bidding procedures have been enhanced, bid openings have been streamlined, bid evaluations have been tightened and contracts have been awarded on a more equitable basis.



54 Bids for a single ICB

TRANSPARENCY

Transparency has been improved with the publication of all important documents, which are now uploaded onto LMD's website (www.dohslmd.gov.np) and are available for inspection by all.

THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN

All procurement by LMD is subject to being included in a Consolidated Annual Procurement Plan (CAPP). This is produced by gathering together all the Divisions from within the DoHS and receiving their 'orders' for Goods and Services for the following year. This process begins very early in the calendar year to ensure that it is prepared by the end of the GoN Financial Year. In the past this was not always possible. Having gathered the Divisions' wishes, these are consolidated with identical items amalgamated to increase the 'buy' and to take advantage of economies of scale. An additional benefit of this approach is to encourage international bidders to participate thus increasing the competition. The resulting document is subject to approval by the World Bank, which acts as a further filter for the accuracy and transparency of the procurements. Furthermore, multi-year contracts have been included to increase the amounts purchased and give rise to cheaper unit prices.

The current CAPP is the result of such a process and the Summary is attached to the reverse of this report. The full document (excluding sensitive financial information) is to be found on the LMD website - www.dohslmd.gov.np

Number & Method	General Description of Goods	Multi-Year or Single Year Procurement	Division
ICB 29	Minor Hospital Equipment & Furniture	Multi-year, 3 years	CHD/LMD, Central Laboratory
ICB 30	Cold Chain and Refrigeration Equipment	Multi-year, 3 years	CHD/LMD
ICB 31	Hospital Equipment (including Anaesthesia Machine, CT scan, X-Ray, USG, Video Arthroscopy System, Naso Pharyngoscope etc.)	Multi-year, 3 years	FHD/LMD/CHD
ICB 32	Safe Motherhood and Neo-Natal Health Equipment and Furniture	Single year	FHD/EDCD
ICB 33	Vaccines, Syringes and Safety Boxes	Multi-year, 3 Years	CHD/EDCD
ICB 34	Medicines, Micronutrient Powder & Surgical Goods	Multi-year, 3 years	CHD
ICB 35	Single Cab Pickup Vehicles, 20 Units	Single year	LMD
ICB 36	Family Planning Contraceptives (Oral Contraceptive Pills and Injectables)	Multi-year, 3 years	FHD
DC 37	Contraceptive Implants 3 Year's efficacy	Single year	FHD
DC 38	Contraceptive Implants 5 Year's efficacy	Single year	FHD
DC 39	Measles Rubella Vaccine	Single year	CHD
LIB 40	Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine	Single year	CHD
LIB 41	Miltefosine	Single year	EDCD
NCB 42	Printing Service	Single year	FHD/CHD/EDCD/LCD/LMD/MD
NCB 43	Office Accessories	Single year	LMD/MD
NCB 101	Procurement of Service Contractor for the Security Services	Multi-year	LMD
IND 201	Individual Contracts for 6 Biomedical Engineers on Multi-year Contract	Multi-year	LMD
IND 202	Individual Contracts for Nutrition Programme, SMNH Programme, and MCH Programme Co-ordinators – 3 persons	Single year	CHD
IND 203	Recruitment of Software Consultant for Development of Bid Evaluation Software – 1 Person	Single year	LMD
QCBS 204	Hiring of Consulting Firms to Provide Assistance in Training for Infant-Young Child Feeding Programme in 20 Districts	Single year	CHD
QCBS 205	Pre-shipment Inspection and Quality Assurance Services for Drugs and FP Commodities for 3 Years	Multi-year	LMD
QCBS 206	Post - shipment Inspection and Quality Assurance Services for Drugs and FP Commodities after Receipt at the Stores	Multi-year	LMD
QCBS 207	Service Contract for Detailed Design and Cost Estimate of Storage Facilities at the Central Store Teku and Pathlaiya Store Bara	Single year	LMD
QCBS 208	Service Contract for the Conducting of Inventory System and Web based LMIS Data Entry in 85 Stores for Central, Regional and Districts	Multi-year	LMD

CHD – Child Health Division, EDCD – Epidemiology & Disease Control Division, FHD – Family Health Division, LCD – Leprosy Control Division, LMD – Logistics Management Division, MD – Management Division,

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