
MISSION IN COLOMBIA JOB OPENING

Internal / External

Job Title & Level:	CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT, GS-5
Department/Office:	UN MISSION IN COLOMBIA
Location:	BOGOTA, COLOMBIA
Posting Period:	2 weeks (from 11 October to 25 October 2016)
Job Opening Number:	MC-NJO-2016-052

UNITED NATIONS CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

The Human Resources Section invites all interested and qualified candidates to apply for the announced position. All interested candidates should submit their applications (Personal History Profile - P11 and/or CVs) and copies of their educational certificates to the Recruitment Unit via email: MCRecruitment@un.org.

Please include also the job opening number of the above position in your e-mail application. Acknowledgment will be sent to short listed candidates only.

Recruitment of this position is subject to funding and Mission Mandate approval.

Organizational Setting and Reporting:

The position is located in the United Nations Mission in Colombia based in Bogota. The contract management Assistant will report respectively to the Chief contract management Officer

Responsibilities

Under the supervision and general guidance of the Chief contract management Officer, the incumbent will perform the following functions:

- Assist in the management of contractual and procurement aspects of procurement project; establish and maintain work programme and schedules for on-going contracts and newly planned ones.
- Review procurement requests submitted by projects, substantive units or field offices to ensure completeness, and adequacy of the goods, services, and related procurement and contract specifications.
- Ensure adherence to contractual agreements for material, equipment and production costs, performance requirements and delivery schedules by periodic and ad hoc checks.
- Prepare and distribute invitations to tender and follow-up on the replies; evaluate quotations and select, or recommend the selection of most

suitable suppliers; develop and formulate strategies and plans for complex and intricate procurement programmes, e.g., involving layouts for workshops, life-cycle costing, engineering features, computer and logistic support, consolidation of shipments, containerization of consignments etc.

- Analyze and evaluate vendors' proposals considering various factors affecting cost, technical, and nutritional specifications, implementation schedules, and management and maintenance of goods or equipment, including training of users and maintenance staff and other contractual arrangements.

Under the supervision of the Contracts Management Officer, ensure the enforcement of UN contracts in consultation with the Supply Section, Contracts Administration Unit at UNHQs, as appropriate, and liaising with other Departments, including handling of claims and disputes, demanding specific performance, claiming against warranties, and other contractual remedies.

- Assist in the market research to keep abreast of significant market developments, research and analyze statistical information, and market reports on the world commodity situation, production patterns and availability of the goods and services to be contracted; identify new technologies, products or services as well as new potential supply sources for the programme serviced; participate in the incorporation of the research and study results in the procurement programme; and identify, evaluate and recommend potential suppliers and manufacturers.
- Draft relevant audit responses. Maintain contract related electronic and hardcopy files and records to ensure proper accountability. Implement Contracts Management work program.
- Administration of office, managing and liaising with vendors, assisting with budgetary reporting, and reconciliation of invoices.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Competencies:

Professionalism: Ability to perform a broad range of administrative functions, e.g., budget/work programme, human resources, database management, Logistics, etc. Ability to apply knowledge of various United Nations administrative, financial and human resources rules and regulations in work situations. 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. Commitment to implementing the goal of gender equality by ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women and men in all aspects of work.

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

Planning and Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; 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.

Education:

High School Diploma or equivalent is required. A certificate of procurement or Contract management training is desirable

Experience:

At least five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in contract/quality administration is required. Relevant experience with regards to supply management, especially in an international organization, UN field mission experience or UN agency is desirable. Knowledge of the UN rules, regulations and working practices pertaining to field missions is an advantage.

Languages:

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

United Nations Considerations

Candidates will be required to meet the requirements of Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter as well as the requirements of the position. The United Nations is committed to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for all its human resources, including but not limited to respect for international human rights and humanitarian law. Candidates may be subject to screening against these standards, including but not limited to whether they have

committed or are alleged to have committed criminal offences and/or violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law. 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.