
UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN COLOMBIA JOB OPENING

Internal / External

Job Title & Level:	PROCUREMENT ASSISTANT (TWO POSITIONS), GL-5
Department/Office:	UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN COLOMBIA
Location:	BOGOTA, COLOMBIA
Posting Period:	21 October – 05 November 2017
Job Opening Number:	MC-NJO-2017-041

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 form, which can be found at <https://colombia.unmissions.org/empleo> No CVs will be accepted) at the following e-mail address: MCrecruitment@un.org

Please do not submit any additional certificates/diplomas, employment letters and other documents at this stage of the application process, only the P11 form is sufficient.

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

Organizational Setting and Reporting Relationships: Under the overall supervision of the Chief Procurement officer, this position normally reports directly to the assigned Procurement Supervisor.

Responsibilities:

- Provides procurement, logistical and administrative support to a team of Procurement Officers in the acquisition of a wide variety of goods and services.
- Reviews, records and prioritizes purchasing requests and obtains additional information/documentation as required; determines the availability of vendors and funding sources.
- Monitors status of existing requisitions, maintain 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.
- 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 compile 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.

- Finalizes purchase orders and contracts for approval by the Procurement Officer; may authorize purchases in line with delegated signature authority, and, if required, prepares submission to the Contracts Committee for review and subsequent approval by the authorized official.
- 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 related duties as assigned.

Competencies:

PROFESSIONALISM: Knowledge of procurement policies, processes and procedures generally and, in particular, those related to the purchase of supplies and services. Knowledge of financial rules and regulations and ability to research and gather information from a variety of standard sources and 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. 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.

TEAMWORK: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

Qualifications:

Education:

High school diploma or equivalent is required. Certification in Procurement or Supply Chain Management or a related area is highly desirable.

Work Experience:

At least five (5) years of experience in procurement, administrative services or related area is required. Previous experience in SAP is desirable.

Languages:

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the post advertised, fluency in oral and written English is required. Knowledge of another official United Nations language is an advantage.

United Nations Considerations

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No Fee

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