Documentation

- Guide to Procurement, version dated
 February 2004
- http://www.eib.org/publications/publication.asp ?publ=44&categories=105&goPL=Go

General aspects- EIB Statute

- Ensure that funds are employed as rationally as possible in the interests of the Community,
- Neither the Bank nor the Member States shall impose conditions requiring funds lent by the Bank to be spent within a specific member State,
- The Bank may make its loans conditional on international invitation to tender being arranged.

General Aspects-The Bank's Policy

- Goods and services under its financing are of appropriate quality, acquired at economic prices and in a timely manner,
- In EU Member States applicable Community Directives to be followed,
- Outside EU, the principles of the EU Directives to be followed, with procedural adaptations, in line with stipulations of the respective mandate.

General Aspects-Eligibilty

 In general, firms originating from any country in the world are eligible to tender for works, goods and services.

• General Aspects-Respective roles for Bank and Promoters

- Promoters
 - Implementation of project, incl. all aspects of procurement process,
- Bank
 - Not party to resulting contracts
 - Has right and obligation to ensure respect of:
 - Inside EU-Community provisions
 - Outside EU-relevant criteria with regard to proper management of its financing and to ensure that procurement procedures are fair, transparent, non-disciminatory and that the tender selected is economically the most advantageous.

• General Aspects-Ethical Conduct

 Bank's policy requires promoters, tenderers, suppliers and consultants under Bank-financed contracts to observe the highest standards of ethics during procurement and execution of such contracts.

Operations within the EU

- Legal framework set by Community Directives
- Bank to verify.

Operations outside EU

- the principles of the EU Directives to be followed, with *procedural* adaptations.

- Types of financing
 - Co-financing of projects, (EIB <50% of project cost)-with WB, EU, Regional Development Banks, private institutions/banks.

- <u>Joint co-financing</u>: same contract financed by Bank+others, apply wider eligibilty, but at least EU States and beneficiary country,
- <u>Parallel co-financing</u>: each separate project component financed by single financier, with its own criteria.

- Selection of Procurement Procedures-Public sector, applying to
 - Public Authorities
- In addition: In the case of gas, heat, electricity, water, transport, exploration or extraction of oil, gas, coal or other solid fuels, ports and airports and telecommunication:
 - Public undertakings and privately-owned entities, that have been granted special or exclusive rights and operate in non-liberalised markets.

- Selection of Procurement Procedures-Public sector
 - International
 - » Open-with Publication in OJEU
 - » Restricted-with Publication in OJEU-(pre-qualification)
 - » Negotiated-with publication in OJEU
 - » Negotiated-established shortlist,
 - National
 - » National Competitive Bidding
 - » Local shopping, direct contracting
 - » (Force account, direct labour-promoters own staff).

- Selection of Procurement Procedures-Public sector
 - Thresholds for national precedures, to be agreed between the Bank and the promoter and depend on nature of project, experience of promoter, local conditions
- Max thresholds
 - works
 - » 5 M EUR,
 - goods and services
 - » 400 k EUR, electricity, gas, water, transport
 - » 600 k EUR, telecommunications
 - » 200 k EUR, other.

- Selection of Procurement Procedures-Private sector
 - Encouragement to publish in OJEU and adopt open or restricted procedures
 - In any event, fair transparent procedure, economically most advantageous, quality, competitive pricing, timely implementation, no discrimination
 - For larger contracts at least consultation of 3 companies from at least 2 different countries.

- Selection of Procurement Procedures-Specific operations
- Concessions
 - Concessionnaire selected after competitive tendering procedure
 - » Own choice, but Bank encourages publication in OJEU for investment programme
 - Concessionnaire not selected after competitive tendering procedure
 - » Public sector procedures
- EPC contracts under concessions- same as above.

- Prohibited practices
 - The Bank will cancel all or part of its financing for a contract, if promoter or supplier has engaged in prohibited practice
 - Covenant of Integrity attached to tender
 - Promoter/Bank/Auditor right of inspection of contractor/supplier.

- Consulting Services outside EU (Public Sector)
 - ≥400 k EUR open or restricted procedure with publication OJEC
 - <400 k EUR negotiated procedure (max 7 candidates)
 - ≥100 k EUR at least 5 candidates of at least 3 different nationalities
 - < 100 k EUR at least 3 candidates of at least 2 different nationalities

• Consulting Services outside EU (Private Sector)

As contracts in private sector

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Conclusion

- Read Guide to Procurement
- For details (always specific issues) promoter to contact Bank
- In exceptional cases direct contact with contractors.