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The Procurement Centres - Continued

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Economic Development

UNDP - United Nations Development Program (www.undp.org)

UNDP's main mandate is development assistance in general and the elimination of poverty, regeneration of the environment, job creation and promotion of the status of women in particular.

UNDP is also responsible for such special projects as combatting drought and desertification and protecting the global environment.

Procurement: UNDP procures office equipment, supplies and computer equipment for its internal needs through its Division for Administrative and Information Services (DAIS). Note that DAIS, located in New York, procures mainly from local U.S. suppliers.

Procurement for development projects is done through IAPSO in Copenhagen, but is also increasingly being carried out in project recipient countries. (See the IAPSO section, p. V, for more information.)

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UNOPS - United Nations Office for Project-Services (www.unops.org)

Providing project support services, UNOPS functions as a general contractor in all areas where UN agencies are active. It undertakes project management at the request of agencies or the recipient countries of projects funded by these agencies.

Procurement: UNOPS procures construction materials, road-building equipment, computer and telecommunications equipment, scientific equipment and vehicles for infrastructure projects. Consulting services are required in the following fields, among others: infrastructure, environment, public administration, community development and agriculture.

Contracts are awarded through a tendering process. As a rule, the lowest bidder for the best product wins.

Procurement in 1996 totalled US\$165 million for equipment and US\$115 million for services.

Registration: Interested-firms-must-complete-a-registration form to be included on the supplier list in New York and Copenhagen (particularly for UNDP-funded projects) and must forward their product catalogues and annual reports.

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UNIDO - United Nations Industrial Development Organization (www.unido.org)

UNIDO promotes industrial development in developing countries. Its aim is to develop industries that make use of local human and material resources and preserve the environment while fostering projects that include technology transfers of benefit to recipient countries. UNIDO helps developing countries to establish regulatory frameworks for their industrialization efforts and to increase their small business sectors.

Procurement: UNIDO procures equipment in various industrial sectors, including metallurgy, leather, paper, wood and plastics. UNIDO also procures control and measuring instruments, vehicles and computer equipment.

UNIDO hires consultants to manage its industrialization projects.

Contracts over US\$20,000 are subject to international tendering. Note that Canada is not a member of UNIDO, which may make it more difficult for Canadians to obtain contracts; it is rare for UNIDO to procure from non-member countries.

Procurement in 1996 totalled US\$20.8 million in goods and US\$24.4 million in services.

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