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World Bank Marketing Strategy

Before embarking on a World Bank marketing initiative, it is necessary to design an appropriate strategy. This includes determining the specific geographic markets to target and the level of human and financial resources available, both inside and outside the firm. A strategy would therefore address manpower and budgeting issues, as well as selecting those products, services and expertise which offer the most distinct competitive advantages.

Because of the long life cycle of a World Bank funded project (usually 2 to 5 years from Identification to Execution), companies pursuing World Bank procurement must be willing to dedicate sufficient financial and human resources to follow the marketing initiative through to the end.

It is important to be selective when initially approaching the World Bank market - competition is fierce and there is a high risk of wasting time and money if a solid base has not first been established. But with knowledge and experience, and