

UNDP ELECTORAL PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP – CASE STUDIES NR: 1

A supplier of electoral materials offers a week long training course in technical aspects of a product you buy in the Republic of Volkerstan. They have offered to pay for the air tickets, training, local transport and accommodation for the week.

QUESTION

Do you accept the invitation? Why/why not? Explain in terms of its implication to all stakeholders?

DECISION AND MAIN REASONS FOR DECISION

No, because UNDP's contractual terms and conditions states: "Suppliers shall not offer gifts or hospitality to UNDP's staff members. Recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners are also prohibited." If the event is significant to UNDP's, then UNDP's should fund the trip including tickets, DSA, etc.

In any case, if UNDP is going to commit staff time to be trained on a specific product, UNDP should consider that manufacturers are receiving equal treatment in terms of products and technology that are acceptable to UNDP, so that one manufacturer does not receive preferential treatment over another.

UNDP ELECTORAL PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP – CASE STUDIES NR: 2

UNDP/PSO is conducting the procurement exercise for its Country Office in Holmstan. The electoral management body of Holmstan wants to be a part of the evaluation panel with access to all UNDP processes and documents.

QUESTION 1

Do you allow the electoral management body of Holmstan to be part of the process and with access to all UNDP processes and documents?

DECISION AND MAIN REASONS FOR DECISION

Balance the issue between confidentiality and transparency of information.

Question – what is the basis? Under which rules, regulations or ethics they were conducting themselves.

QUESTION 2

Do you allow the UNDP staff in Holmstan to be part of the process and with access to all UNDP processes and documents?

DECISION AND MAIN REASONS FOR DECISION

In essence, yes but - balance the issue between confidentiality and transparency of information.

Question – what is the basis?