



Procuring Electoral Commodities:

IFES' Support Areas

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Overview of Research and Programming Initiatives



Topical Research and Programs

Elections and violence,
Technology & elections,
Electoral standards

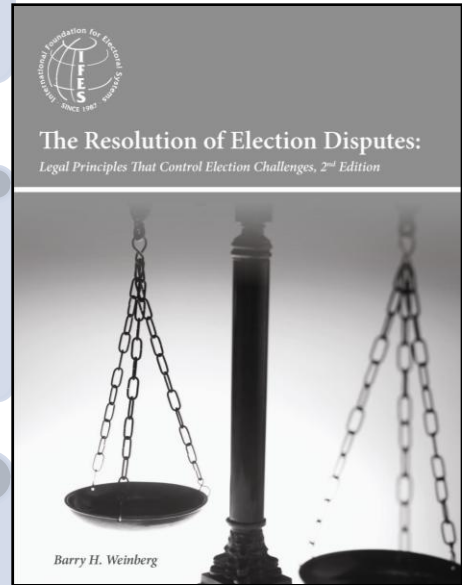
- Field programs and tools (EVER)
- Concept papers (D&G ~ preventing HIV/AIDS)
- Proposals (technology and elections)
- Publications (election disputes)

Publications

- From Power Outages to Paper Trails (technology)
- 2nd edition of Election Dispute Resolution book
- White papers (election standards)
- Survey reports (several a year)

Knowledge Services

- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Periodicals and books
- Speaker series
- Partnerships with academic/research organizations
- Manatt and Hybl Fellowships





- The only comprehensive, independently verified, source of national election information on the Web
- Information on upcoming national-level elections as well as elections going back to 1998
- More than 15,000 visitors each month



The screenshot shows the ElectionGuide.org homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Calendar, My Eguid, Newsletter, and Search & Reporting. Below this is a 'Quick Search' section with dropdown menus for 'By Election Type', 'By Country', and 'By Year', all set to 'Any'. There are buttons for 'Search' and 'Advanced Search', and a link for 'Quick Link to Voter Turnout'. To the right of the search section, there is a message asking for user feedback and a link to a 'short survey'. Below the search section is an 'Election Updates & News' section with three news items: 'Thai Protesters Trap Legislators', 'Zimbabwe: Jury Still Out On Power Sharing', and 'Troops Confront Bangkok Protests'. Each item has a 'Full Story' link. There is also a 'More News' link and an 'Add ElectionGuide RSS Headlines' button. On the right side of the page, there is a section titled 'ElectionGuide - Upcoming Elections' with a sub-section 'Browse by region or click on dots to see 10 next elections.' Below this is a world map with colored regions and dots indicating upcoming elections. A 'Detailed Event Details' box explains how to use the map. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice for 2006 ElectionGuide, a publication of IFES, and a logo for 'Always Reliable, Always on Time.' with the website www.codelinc.com.



IFES' electoral procurement support

1. Information re electoral suppliers and services
2. Electoral commodity specification expertise
3. Sole procurer; sub-contractor or co-implementer



IFES Buyer's Guide to Election Suppliers

- 54 companies
- Headquartered in 12 countries
- Selling +140 categories of electoral products and services



IFES' Buyers Guide

www.ifesbuyersguide.com

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UNDP-IFES Global MOU

- + \$7,000,000 UNDP sub-contracts to IFES
- Ecuador, Tanzania, Gambia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh.....



Larger-Scale Procurement

- Basket Fund Solution
- Twinning Solution



Twinning Procurement

Challenge: Securing identical item using two separate procurement mechanisms



Successful Twinning Procurement I

Step 1: Identifying commodity and specs

Step 2: Understand donor funding cycle

Step 3. Procurement plan

Step 4. Invitation for bid

Step 5. Evaluating bids



Successful Twinning Procurement II

Lessons:

1. Identical specs & delivery conditions
2. Partners procuring equal numbers
3. Only accepting bids covering 100%
4. Same offer to both twinning partners