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— Part 7: Participation of local enterprises and labour in contracts
— Part 8: Participation of targeted labour in contracts
Introduction

Procurement is the process which creates, manages and fulfils contracts. Procurement can, as such, be described as a succession of logically related actions occurring or performed in a definite manner and which culminate in the completion of a major deliverable or the attainment of a milestone. Processes, in turn, are underpinned by methods (i.e. a documented, systematically ordered collection of rules or approaches) and procedures (i.e. the formal steps to be taken in the performance of a specific task), which are informed and shaped by the policy of an organization. Methods and procedures can likewise be documented and linked to processes.

Conditions of tender are required to establish procedures from the time that tenders are invited to the time that a tender is awarded. Such conditions document the procedures, the manner in which those engaged in the procurement process are to behave, the obligations of the tenderer and the undertakings of the employer.