

ROYAL DECREE

No. 57 / 2025

Amending the Name of the General Secretariat of the Tenders ~~Board~~Council

To the "Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority"

And Determining its Competencies and Approving its Organizational Structure

We, Haitham bin Tarik, Sultan of Oman,

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After perusal the Basic Statute of the State,

And the Tenders Law issued by Royal Decree No. 36 / 2008,

And the State Administrative Apparatus System issued by Royal Decree No. 75 / 2020,

And Royal Decree No. 84 / 2020 regarding the General Secretariat of the Tenders

~~Board~~Council,

And Royal Decree No. 73 / 2023 assigning the competencies related to contract review to the General Secretariat of the Tenders ~~Board~~Council transferred from the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs,

And in pursuance of the public interest,

Have decreed as follows

Article (1)

The name "General Secretariat of the Tenders ~~Board~~Council" is amended to the "Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority". ~~The Authority~~It shall have ~~legal~~corporate personality, enjoy financial and administrative independence, and shall be ~~affiliated~~ attached to the Council of Ministers.

Article (2)

The Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority shall have a President of special grade, whose appointed shall be issued by a Royal Decree.

Article (3)

The President of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority shall manage all administrative and financial affairs of the Authority, represent it in its dealing with others and before the courts, and shall have the powers of the head of the unit stipulated in the laws and Royal Decrees applicable to the units of the State Administrative Apparatus.

Article (4)

The Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority shall assist the Tenders Board and the Executive Committee formed by a decision of the Council of Ministers to follow up on the implementation of the local content policy, in exercising their prescribed competencies, by carrying out all technical and administrative works and providing the necessary logistical services.

Article (5)

The competencies of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority shall be as set out in Annex No. (1) attached hereto.

Article (6)

The organizational structure of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority shall be approved in accordance with Annex No. (2) attached hereto.

Article (7)

The provisions of this Decree shall not prejudice any competencies assigned to the Tenders Board in laws and Royal Decrees.

Article (8)

The phrases "General Secretariat of the Tenders Board" and "Secretary-General of the Tenders Board" wherever they appear in laws and Royal Decrees shall be replaced by the phrases "Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority" and "President of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority" respectively.

Article (9)

Royal Decrees No. 84 / 2020 and 73 / 2023 referred to above are hereby repealed. All that is contrary to, or in conflict with, the provisions of this Decree shall also be repealed.

Article (10)

This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force on the date of its issuance.

Issued on: 28 Dhu al-Hijjah 1446 AH

Corresponding to: 24 June 2025 CE

Haitham bin Tarik

Sultan of Oman

Annex No. (1)

Competencies of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority

1. Proposing policies related to enhancing the efficiency of Government expenditure and promoting local content related to Government projects and procurement, and national policies and strategies related to developing local content in contracts conducted by the units of the State Administrative Apparatus and other public corporate persons and companies wholly owned by the Government, or those in which it contributes more than (40%) forty percent of their capital, and presenting them to the Council of Ministers for approval.
2. Developing procedures and programs aimed at enhancing the efficiency of Government expenditure and promoting local content related to Government projects and procurement.
3. Developing plans, programs, and initiatives related to promoting local content in the Sultanate of Oman, determining local content targets in all sectors at the national level, and developing mechanisms, standards, and indicators to measure the efficiency of local content in contracts conducted by the units of the State Administrative Apparatus and other public corporate persons and companies wholly owned by the Government, or those in which it contributes more than (40%) forty percent of their capital in all sectors, and monitoring performance and controlling compliance with national policies and strategies related to local content and its targets.
4. Reviewing draft unified model contracts prepared by the units of the State Administrative Apparatus and other public corporate persons in cases stipulated by law.

5. Reviewing draft contracts exceeding the value of (3,000,000) three million Omani Riyals, and the variation orders related to them, regardless of their value, before their signing and the commencement of their implementation by any unit of the State Administrative Apparatus or other public corporate persons. The review, for non-unified model contracts, includes the pre-contracting procedures.

6. Preparing frameworks and methodologies to enhance the efficiency of planning and implementing Government projects, to ensure their quality, timely execution, reduction of variation orders, adherence to approved budgets, monitor compliance, and taking necessary measures.

7. Organizing and providing centralized procurement services in accordance with economies of scale and best practices and standards, aiming to enhance spending efficiency and promote local content, monitor compliance, and take necessary measures.

8. Reviewing local content requirements in contracts, procurement, and tenders subject to the Tenders Law, following up on them in coordination with the concerned entities, and take necessary measures .

9. Supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to contribute to the localization of industries through participation in Government procurement and projects in partnership with the competent authorities.

10. Organizing the technical and financial processes and procedures related to tender management, to achieve transparency, equal opportunities and equality, and freedom of competition.

11. Coordinating between the Chairman of the Tenders Board and its members to convene meetings, prepare matters to be presented to the Board, include them in the agenda, following up on meetings, and implementing decisions.

12. Announcing tenders that fall within the scope of the Tenders Board's competence, receiving bids from suppliers, contractors, and consultancy firms, opening bids and studying them, or referring them to the competent entities for study and analysis.

13. Taking negotiation procedures in tenders for the cases stipulated by the Tenders Law.

14. Carrying out the executive works for the Practice Committees formed by the Tenders Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Tenders Law.

15. Developing procedures related to tenders and Government procurement, local content requirements, and project management in the concerned entities, and providing them with advice in this regard.

16. Organizing and monitor internal tenders procedures to ensure the efficiency of processes, application of tender, contracts and procurement management systems and guidelines, and enforcement of local content requirement.

17. Classify and register suppliers, contractors, and consultancy firms, and setting foundations and criteria for evaluating their performance.

18. Reviewing and evaluating variation orders and contract addenda, to verify the parties' compliance with their contractual obligations, in coordination with the competent entities.

19. Establish an integrated database for all works related to the Authority's competencies.

20. Develop training programs to qualify national cadres working in the field of tenders and procurement, project management, and local content, ensuring the improvement of their performance level.

21. Establish mechanisms, standards, and indicators to measure local content, the extent of support for small and medium enterprises, and the contribution of Government procurement and projects to achieving developmental and financial objectives.

22. Contribute to the development of technical specifications and standards for Government projects, in coordination with the competent entities.

23. Support and following up the financial planning of projects and aligning them with annual and five-year plans, in coordination with the competent entities.

24. Participate in evaluating annual project plans and prioritizing them, in coordination with the competent entities.

25. Review project implementation strategies to achieve their integration with other Government projects, and establishing necessary procedures to ensure the quality of implementation of all stages of Government projects.

26. Manage the implementation of Government projects in coordination with the concerned entities.

27. Conduct studies and research in fields related to the competencies of the Authority.

28. Propose draft laws and Royal Decrees related to the competencies of the Authority, issuing relevant bylaws and decisions, and ensuring follow-up on their implementation.

29. Conclud agreements, memoranda of understanding, and contracts related to the competencies of the Authority.

30. Enhance and develop cooperation in competencies related to the Authority with other concerned entities in countries and regional and international specialized organizations and institutions.

31. Represent the Sultanate of Oman in conferences, events, and regional and international meetings related to the Authority's competencies.

32. Any other competencies prescribed by virtue of laws and Royal Decrees.

Annex No. (2)

Organizational Structure of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority



Chairman of the Authority:

- Directorate General of Administrative and Financial Affairs
- Directorate General of Statistics and Electronic Systems
- Directorate General of Government Procurement
- Projects Follow-up Office (General Directorate)
- Directorate General of Tenders
- National Office for Local Content (General Directorate)