

ENGAGE

DFID's Engineering Framework Team 2007-2009

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ENGAGE is a substantial new resource available to DFID managers offering a wide range of technical expertise which can be mobilised to carry out project-specific assignments or to supplement DFID's own resources at periods of surges in demand. ENGAGE comprises the combined expertise of 13 specialist consulting firms. The consortium includes two major British consultants, Mott MacDonald and Halcrow, as well as 11 other consultants with specialist expertise in areas such as development planning, policy, infrastructure management, appropriate technology and sustainability.

ENGAGE operates under a new Engineering Services Framework Agreement with DFID which runs for three years from 2007 to 2009. ENGAGE replaces a number of existing agreements and now becomes DFID's principle framework for commissioning consultants to work on infrastructure projects. ENGAGE provides infrastructure related inputs and advice to both DFID country and regional programmes and to DFID central departments. The ENGAGE framework will help DFID to implement projects as part of the government's strategy towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

The ENGAGE framework allows DFID managers to order works at short notice since selection and contract procedures have already been completed. ENGAGE makes available a database of some 600 pre-approved staff with a diverse range of skills who can be called on to undertake assignments world-wide, and access to a wider register of experts if required.

ENGAGE is able to undertake a wide variety of tasks ranging from small scale/short term to extended/complex projects. ENGAGE is able to provide support to DFID staff in the planning, implementation and management of their development portfolios. With long experience in the countries in which DFID is working ENGAGE understands local conditions, priorities and DFID's development objectives.

A particular feature of ENGAGE is that the team's specialists are able to undertake assignments in difficult situations such as post-disaster and post-conflict situations.

Focusing on engineering infrastructure and related disciplines, ENGAGE is able to provide specialists to undertake assignments which will usually be in the field. The support provided by ENGAGE complements the knowledge management role of two new DFID resource centres, TI-UP and DEW-Point.

Services provided by the ENGAGE consultants are managed by the consultants dedicated framework management team which provides a single point of contact between DFID and the ENGAGE team. The framework manager responds directly to enquiries from DFID managers, prepares detailed proposals and appoints specialists to undertake assignments as well as managing and monitoring implementation, quality assurance and preparation of progress reports.

Commissioning assignments using ENGAGE

ENGAGE specialists can be accessed under the Framework Agreement through project-specific call-downs, each with its own terms of reference and budget from the DFID spending department. ENGAGE aims to provide a technical and financial proposal within one week of receipt of a request.

The ENGAGE team

Mott MacDonald

Water resources, water supply, sanitation, transportation and energy

Halcrow Group

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Gamos Limited

Development communications and consultation

Happold Consulting

Innovation in regional and urban planning and slum amelioration

ITAD

Sustainable development and poverty alleviation with the accent on monitoring and evaluation, institutional development and improved water stewardship through enhanced management practices

IT Transport

Development of institutional capacity to plan, manage and maintain sustainable transport systems and provide access improvements for the poor

Oxford Policy Management

Social and development policy, institutional reform, human resource development and regulation

Power Planning Associates

Integrated energy planning, rural electrification project feasibility studies and renewable energy planning

Practical Action Consulting

Small scale, appropriate rural and urban infrastructure including decentralised renewable energy systems

Severn Trent Water International

Technical, operational and managerial expertise in urban water supply and sanitation

Transport Research Laboratory

Sustainable transport solutions for developing countries, with particular emphasis on labour based methods, poverty reduction and safety

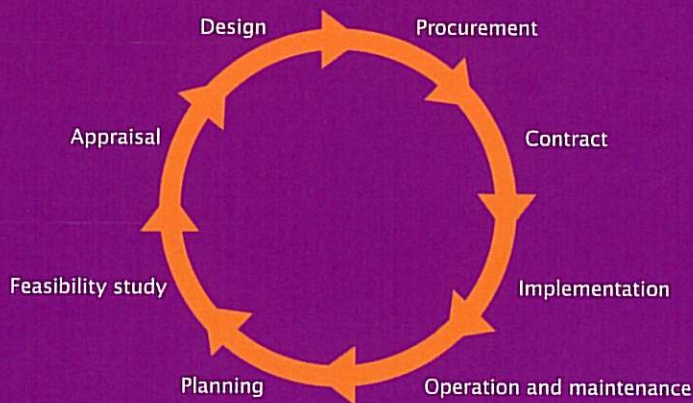
Water Engineering and Development Centre

Appropriate technology solutions for water supply and sanitation in developing countries

Water Management Consultants

Applications of integrated water resources management for developing countries

ENGAGE can provide support at all stages in the project cycle



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Further information about the resources available under ENGAGE can be found on the ENGAGE website at www.engage-consultants.com

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