**PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN LATIN AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME**

**Overview:**

Inadequate infrastructure is one of the biggest barriers to enable Latin American economies to develop their economic potential. A number of Latin American governments are investing multi-billion infrastructure programmes. However, government leaders are keen to ensure that the investments in infrastructure are spent effectively and transparently so that they deliver maximum value for money. In many Latin American countries, the tendering process will be done by the central government, who are keen to ensure that they put in place transparent processes for the pre-qualification, tendering and evaluation stages of the bids.

**Outcomes:**

We are looking to fund a multi-country project that will lead to Latin American countries to put in place and implement policies that will lead to transparent policy frameworks for infrastructure tenders by December 2014.

**Objectives and Activities:**

It will be down to the implementer to decide what activities have most impact. But the Board will look for projects that:

1. Help Latin American countries put in place infrastructure procurement programmes, consistent with OECD standards and instruments (e.g OECD Guidelines for Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement and Principles for Integrity in Public Procurement)
2. Draw on UK and international expertise
3. Draw on examples of best practice and potentially engage partners from across the region.
4. Will lead to a transformational and sustainable change in infrastructure public procurement with measurable results
5. Have buy-in from national governments and other key stakeholders

**Activities could include:**

1. Regional Conferences
2. Capacity-building workshops
3. Development of guides on public procurement
4. Creation of multi-country networks to help put in place transformational policies

**Eligible countries:**

Bids must include at least two from the below countries taking part:

* Chile
* Colombia
* Costa Rica
* Mexico
* Panama
* Peru

**Timings**

Projects will need to start by August 2013 and finish my March 2014 at the latest

**Budget**

Up to £70,000