



The Business Integrity Registry of the Ministry of Public Administration (SFP)



Public Procurement Principle: **Integrity, Transparency, accountability**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering, tendering**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Private sector entity, Civil society, Policymaker, private sector**

Description

The registry consists of a distinction for those businesses that actively commit to comply with ethical standards by engaging their employees and suppliers. The objective is to provide positive incentives to promote business integrity and advance preventive measures and standards. The first stage for the implementation of the registry includes the development of an IT platform and legal reforms. The second stage consists on the implementation of the distinction for business that participate in procurement procedures.

Business integrity as described in the LGRA Article 25 of the LGRA establishes that a programme of business integrity should include, at least, the following elements:

- A clear and complete organisation and procedures manual, establishing the functions and responsibilities of each area, the chain of command and leadership in all the organisation;
- A published and socialised code of conduct, including systems and mechanisms for implementation;
- Adequate and effective systems for control, audit and surveillance to constantly and periodically assess compliance with the integrity standards by all the organisation;
- Adequate systems to report wrong-doing, both internally and to the corresponding authorities, as well as disciplinary procedures and concrete consequences for those who behave violating internal rules or Mexico's legislation;
- Adequate systems and processes to train staff on the integrity measures;
- Human resources policies preventing hiring individuals that may create an integrity risk for the company; and

- Mechanisms that ensure transparency and disclosure of interests. In order to facilitate business take up, SFP launched in June 2017 the Model Business Integrity Programme (Modelo de Programa de Integridad Empresarial), which was developed together with business associations. The model is a good example of translating legal provisions into concrete and practical guidance for the private sector by providing concrete examples on what each element of the Business Integrity Programme entails and including good practices from the private sector.

Source: SFP (2017), *Modelo de Programa de Integridad Empresarial*, https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/272749/Modelo_de_Programa_de_Integridad_Empresarial.pdf and <https://www.gob.mx/sfp/articulos/funcion-publica-lanza-padron-de-integridad-empresarial>, consulted on 5 November 2019.

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