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INGP Public Procurement Innovation Award 2023



About

The Organization of American States (OAS) as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) and The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), with the support of the consulting firm IDOM, have launched the "INGP Public Procurement Innovation Award" 2023 to encourage innovation and digital transformation in government procurement systems. This initiative, addressed to the member countries of the INGP, aims to identify, and recognize high-impact procurement solutions in the region, promoting entities that are increasingly open, transparent, innovative, efficient, and responsive to citizens' needs.

This contest seeks to recognize excellence in four categories:

- 1) Innovation in the use of new technologies and digital tools**
- 2) Institutional reform and/or regulatory framework innovation**
- 3) Institutional change management, strategic vision, and culture innovation**
- 4) Open Innovation and collaboration with stakeholders.**

Objectives

- To improve and highlight the efforts of public procurement entities to modernize and enhance their national procurement systems.
- Promote knowledge exchange, to inspire and enable the replication and scaling up of different solutions.
- Encourage cooperation among government procurement actors.
- Recognize best practices in innovation and digital transformation to enhance the public procurement ecosystem in the region
- Make visible the regional capacity and progress to reinforce its global positioning.

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Who can participate

The contest is open to any public procurement entities of different sectors and governmental levels (national, federal, local, or other) from the member countries of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP).

Eligibility criteria

- Submit a government procurement initiative that was initiated no more than 3 years ago (1st of February, 2020) and has been in execution for at least 1 year (1st of February, 2022). Ongoing initiatives with significant progress can also be submitted, as long as they contain considerable progress to demonstrate a clear impact
- Fill out the registration form available on the INNSite platform and complete all the requested fields within the specified timeframe.
- Must belong to an entity of a member country of the OAS/INGP

Guidelines for applicants

- 1) Go to the INN-Site website
- 2) Click on the main banner that says "INGP Public Procurement Innovation Award".
- 3) Identify the fields required in the application form and compile the information.
- 4) Enter the application form by clicking on the "Registration Form" button.
- 5) Fill in the requested information and upload the required documents.
- 6) Send the application

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Categories



1. Innovation in the use of new technologies and digital tools

It includes all initiatives focused on the optimization of government procurement processes, through the integration of emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, big data, virtual reality, among others. Likewise, it will include those solutions based on the use of digital tools such as web platforms, mobile applications, software or hardware development, among others.



2. Institutional reform and/or regulatory framework innovation

It refers to any efforts in normative regulation that encourage and facilitate both innovative practices and the adoption of technology in government procurement processes, such as public procurement for innovation, regulatory sandboxes, public policies, among others.



3. Institutional change management, strategic vision, and culture innovation

All initiatives and strategies carried out within the organizations, focused on change management, strategic vision for innovation and/or promoting the adoption of an innovation culture. This also includes the creation of innovation cells, staff training, internal innovation contests, innovation labs, communication strategies, innovation leadership programs, among others.

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4. Open Innovation and collaboration with stakeholders: It refers to the set of strategies and initiatives that involve the participation of citizens, universities, government and companies, within the framework of public procurement. Such innovations may include hackathons, open innovation challenges, contests, collaborations for the generation of studies on innovation and technology, among others.

Award criteria

Criterion	Weight
1. Impact: the result based on quantitative and qualitative indicators, represented in a specific benefit for one or several stakeholders.	45%
2. Novelty: is related to the originality of the proposal, based on the geographic context covered by this competition. It is intended to highlight those efforts of a novel approach in the region.	25%
3. Adaptative over time: the potential to remain viable over time, its capacity to face the political changes, its flexibility to adapt to environmental changes and its capacity to evolve/transform itself in the future.	15%
4. Replicability: This award seeks to highlight the best initiatives in government procurement in order to become a source of inspiration and cooperation for	10%

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<p>different entities. In this sense, the potential for replicability and transfer to other countries in the region will be taken into consideration</p>	
<p>5. Finally, all points for this criterion will be granted to those entities that complete the annual innovation and digital transformation evaluation. The result of this must be uploaded in the field provided for this purpose, located in the application form.</p>	<p>5%</p>

Jury members

The jury will be presided by two members of the Organization of American States (OAS), two members of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and an Innovation expert.

Prizes

There will be one (1) supreme winner and one (1) honorable mention for each of the categories described in this Terms of Reference document.

The supreme winner will receive eight (8) full scholarships in procurement courses at the OAS School of Government, and financing support for one (1) delegate to the annual INGP event, where he/she will present his/her winning experience.

The other three (3) finalists will each receive four (4) full scholarships in procurement courses from the OAS School of Government.

Finally, both the winner and the finalists will receive a certificate issued by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Organization of American States (OAS).

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Considerations:

- Each entity may submit a total of two (2) applications, submitted on individual forms.
- All the information provided on the application form is considered true. If at any phase of the process the applicant does not comply with this requirement, the postulation will be disqualified.

Schedule

Activity	Date
Call opening	May 22, 2023
Deadline for submissions	August 31, 2023 (11:59 p.m. Washington D.C)