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Abstract

This thesis deals with the issue of the tenders in UAE law, as one of the most important means used by public administration to perform its contracts along with normal and legal persons, in order to implement its projects and obtain services or materials as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the public facilities for the public benefit. Tenders can be considered as the main way to choose the one who the administration may contract with, which is being announced to the public so that the biggest possible number of potential suppliers may submit their tenders in accordance with the requirements, set by the respective administration. Then, a special committee considers the submitted tenders to choose the tender that best meets the financial, technical and other requirements set by the administration. The significance of this research arises from the importance of the administration's contracts itself, as they aim to ensure proper functioning of public facilities, which are usually related to Large and high-cost projects, that are paid for from public funds. This thesis seeks to define the tenders and process and to identify its types and examine all the legal provisions relating to it. This thesis is divided into an introductory section and two chapters. The introductory section deals with the definition of the tenders. The first chapter looks into the main principles on which the tenders process is based. These principles include: announcement to the public, freedom of competition and equal opportunity. Furthermore, it discusses the formal, procedural and subjective rules and regulations governing the process of choosing by the administration of the potential contractor. The second chapters discusses the procedural rules of the tenders in the UAE local and federal legislations in both Abu Dhabi and Dubai emirates. The whole steps of invitation to tenders process beginning from the preliminary contractual procedures and ending with the awarding of the contract to the supplier are also tackled in the second section. In the conclusion, the study emphasizes the importance of the adoption by the administration of the invitation to tenders method in contracting. It also asserts the necessity of the standardization of the UAE legislations regulating the invitation to tenders process.

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