

Culture of excellence

achieves world-class status

Qatar Foundation is a private, non-profit organisation. It supports and operates programmes across three core areas - education, science and research, and community development. The organisation employs around 6,000 locals and expatriates.

Highlights

- Received clear, objective assessment of current practices
- Identified areas for future development
- Raised the profile of procurement, internally and externally



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CIPS Corporate Certification provides a roadmap for continual development

Qatar Foundation's procurement directorate has a dual role. The first is to manage large design and construction contracts for its rapidly growing infrastructure. The second is to provide material and services to its diverse operations, which include education, science and research and facilities maintenance.

Significant growth at all levels has led to some challenges for the team, such as a shortage of contractors with a local presence to handle large contracts, a lack of local manufacturers, long lead times and skills gaps. The organisation decided to address these issues by benchmarking its policies and procedures against global standards to support future growth.

ABOUT QATAR FOUNDATION

With a mission to nurture the future leaders of the country, Qatar Foundation strives to contribute to people development at national, regional and international levels. Promoting a culture of excellence across all of its activities, one of its main ambitions is to act as a catalyst in transforming Qatar from a carbon-based economy into a knowledge-based economy. It is dedicated to sustainable development through environmentally friendly initiatives in its research, education and infrastructure.

KEY FACTS

National Vision 2030 gave Qatar Foundation an exciting mandate. It is to drive the development of Qatar's people, with the headline aim of 'Unlocking Human Potential'.

SPECIALISMS

Supports programmes in education, science and research, and community development

Enables people of all ages to contribute to the country's future

Protects Qatari heritage and enriches cultural life

Supports healthcare provision initiatives

World-class benchmark recognises world-class procurement

Why CIPS Corporate Certification?

Qatar Foundation has a vision for its procurement directorate 'to become the regional procurement centre of excellence, providing world-class services'. With this in mind, the organisation has developed and implemented a series of robust policies, processes and procedures.

Qatar Foundation has always placed great emphasis on their processes and systems and wanted to guarantee that its operations were at world-class levels. In order to benchmark them and to ensure continuous improvement in how they procure, they approached CIPS to undertake Corporate Certification. Awarded Platinum status, the organisation has now raised the profile of procurement in corporate strategies and policies internally and gained greater recognition externally as a regional leader in procurement.

Benefits of CIPS Corporate Certification

- **Recognition:** Increased internal and regional recognition of the contribution of procurement to organisational success
- **Confidence:** By achieving its Platinum status, CIPS has independently verified that Qatar Foundation's procurement directorate is operating within best practice levels, comparable to world-class global organisations
- **Review:** The Corporate Certification has established a framework in which the organisation can review current processes and systems
- **Development:** As well as assessing the current status of processes, the Corporate Certification has enabled Qatar Foundation to review its procedures and develop strategies for the future
- **Empowerment:** The Certification will ultimately result in a greater involvement of stakeholders, including end customers. More delegation of smaller procurement projects and greater collaboration for larger procurements will result in higher customer satisfaction levels.



Qatar Foundation is continually driving greater procurement value with CIPS Corporate Certification.



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