

Bizhan Azad (Curriculum Vitae)

Area of Expertise: Land Administration & Management/Automation

Name of Consultant: Bizhan Azad

Profession: Land Administration & Management/Automation Consultancy

Date of Birth: 13 April 1956

Nationality: USA

Membership in Professional Societies: Urban & Regional Information & Systems Association International, International Association of Assessing Officers, FIG, Urban Data Management Systems

Potential Tasks: Preparation of PAD, PIP and related input studies for WB/G Land.

Relevant Qualifications:

Bizhan Azad, is currently serving as consultant to the Directorate of Land Registration & Cadastre, Ministry of Finance, Beirut, Lebanon for the World Bank LE 3770, Cadastre Operations Modernization & Automation Project. From 1995-1996 he managed the whole process and participated in the development of specifications for the procurement of 2 large modernization & automation projects under the LE 3770. Both contracts were tendered using the World Bank ICB procedures. One project covers the modernization/automation of land registries in Lebanon involving the A-to-Z of land registration process. The other project covers the modernization/automation of cadastre departments in Lebanon involving the whole survey and mapping process. The former contract is for 8.2 Million USD and the latter for 8.9 Million USD. Both projects were designed and developed to build up the capacity and enhance land administration service delivery of government. The agencies are already using the modernized/automated procedures which have been successfully implemented in both Cadastre Departments and Land Registries in Lebanon.

Education:

1998, Ph.D. MIS and Land Administration, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

1980, M.S. Technology Policy Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology., Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

1978, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, University of Salford, Manchester, Manchester, England.

Relevant Employment Record:

2002-present. Consultant to Cadastre Operations Modernization and Automation Project, World Bank Loan LE 3770, Beirut Lebanon.

Providing on-going assistance to administer the project at the Minister of Finance and Project Implementation Unit. Reference: Dr. Jihad Azour, Ministry of Finance, Beirut Lebanon.

2003 January-April. Yemen, The Yemen/World Bank Port Cities Development Project, Short-Term Management/ Automation Consultant, Aden, Yemen.

Preparation of PIP and related Technical Assistance. Reference: Mr. Mohammed Zemmam, The Port Cities Development Program, Aden, Yemen.

1998-2001. Project Director, PIU Manager, Cadastre Operations Modernization and Automation Project, World Bank LE 3770, Beirut Lebanon.

Overseeing the implementation of the project involving the work of suppliers and beneficiary involved in the modernization and automation of the Lebanon's national land registries and cadastre departments. Reference: Dr. Jihad Azour, Ministry of Finance, Beirut Lebanon.

2002 June-September. Kuwait Higher Privatization Council & The World Bank Land Policy component of Energizing Private Sector Development Project, Land Administration & Automation Consultant, Kuwait City, Kuwait.

Inventory of public land institutions and their land disposition policies and procedures. Reference: Mr. John Speakman, The World Bank, Middle East North Africa Department.

2000 April-June. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, The Saudi Railway Organization, Land Management Performance Improvement Project. Short-term Land Administration/Automation Consultant, Dammam, KSA.

Assessment and Action Plan for the Land Management Department of the Saudi Railway Organization to improve the process of leasing and land disposition. Reference: Mr. Khaled Al-Yahya, President, Saudi Railway, Dammam, KSA.

1998 March-June, 1999 April-July. West Bank & Gaza, Private Sector Development Project—Land Registration Component. Short-term Land Administration/Automation Consultant, West Bank & Gaza.

Assisted in the development of Project Appraisal Document and Project Implementation Plan for the Land Registration component of the Financial Sector Development project in the West Bank and Gaza. Reference: Mr. Omar Razzaz, Mr. Robert Mertz, The World Bank, Middle East North Africa Department.

1995-1997. Long-term Cadastre Expert, Cadastre Operations Modernization and Automation Project, World Bank LE 3770, Beirut Lebanon.

Managed the process of preparation of needs assessment, specifications for the procurement of 2 large Registry and Cadastre automation projects for the Directorate of Land Registration & Cadastre, Ministry of Finance. Responsible for the overseeing of hiring all consultants, development of their TORs, integration of their specifications in the overall TOR for the whole project which was competitively and successfully bid using the World Bank SBD for IT based on one-stage two envelope scheme, under ICB. Reference: Dr. Basil Fuleihan, (now) Minister of Trade and Economy, Beirut, Lebanon.

1992-1995. Director of Implementation Services, GIS/Trans, Ltd., Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

As the director of implementation services for the prime contractor, was responsible for the development and implementation of over 22 Million USD services in geographic information systems and systems integration (GIS/SI) for the states of Florida, Delaware and Pennsylvania, Departments of Transportation. In addition, provided 3 Million USD worth of GIS/SI services to land registries and cadastre organizations in the counties of the northeast and western USA. Reference: Mr. Simon Lewis, President, GIS/Trans, Ltd. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1987-1991. Manager of Information Services, Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

As the manager of information services for the urban planning and development agency of the city oversaw the modernization and automation of planning processes and functions for the city of Boston. Responsible for directing the design and development various municipal and planning support systems that are now the backbone of all city information services offered to the public and for internal use, including city atlas, etc.

1980-1984. B & M Technological Services, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

Consultant on various federal government projects to improve the use of computers in the automation of building operations management.

Languages:

English: Excellent in speaking, reading and writing.

Farsi: Excellent in speaking, reading.

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