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FIDIC & Construction Contracts Expert
Procurement & Infrastructure Specialist

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior civil engineer, procurement specialist, and FIDIC contracts expert with over 33 years of professional experience in construction, infrastructure development, procurement, and contract administration of large-scale donor-funded projects.

Currently working as Senior Procurement Specialist at the Palestinian Water Authority, leading procurement and contract management under programs primarily financed by the World Bank, in addition to AFD, EU, and other international donors.

Extensive practical experience in the preparation, administration, and interpretation of FIDIC-based contracts (1999 and 2017 editions), including claims assessment, variation orders, dispute avoidance, and contract compliance. I have completed advanced training in arbitration. Contract management and engineering expert practice.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- FIDIC Conditions of Contract (Red Book, EPC/Turnkey, MDB Harmonized Editions)
- Claims Analysis (Extension of Time, Price Escalation, Variations)
- Contract Administration & Compliance
- Dispute Avoidance & Resolution
- Engineering Expert Reporting
- World Bank Procurement Regulations (2016 Framework & Updates)
- Procurement Strategy
- Tendering, Bid Evaluation & Contract Award
- Infrastructure Project Management
- Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP), Desalination & Water Networks

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Procurement Specialist (2012 – 2025)

Water Security Program – Palestinian Water Authority
(World Bank–Financed Infrastructure Programs)

- Leads procurement and contract administration of multi-million-dollar infrastructure contracts exceeding US\$100 million.
- Prepares Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) and procurement plans.
- Drafts and administer FIDIC-based contracts for major works and consultancy services.
- Participates in claims evaluation, variation assessments, and contractual dispute analysis.
- Coordinates with international financing institutions to secure procurement “No Objections” and ensure fiduciary compliance.
- Former representative at the Central Tendering Committee (multiple terms).

Major Projects Include:

- Water Security & Resilience Project (US\$51M)
- Hebron Regional Wastewater Management Project (US\$61.65M)
- Gaza Central Desalination Program (US\$117M)

Project Manager – Schools Construction Program

Ministry of Education (Belgian Government Funded)

Managed 28 construction and consultancy contracts (€7.8M), including supervision and contract administration.

Project Manager – Water & Sanitation Programs

CARE International (2006–2010)

Led infrastructure projects funded by ECHO, AusAID, and USAID, including water networks, pumping stations, sanitation facilities, and rural water systems.

Earlier career roles include construction engineer, infrastructure specialist, and civil/project engineer in public and private sector projects (1993–2006).

EDUCATION

- MSc, Water Engineering – Birzeit University
- BSc, Civil Engineering – Birzeit University
- Engineering Contracts Management Diploma (ECMD), The Arab International Tribunal of Arbitration – Canada (2026)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN FIDIC & ARBITRATION

- FIDIC Modules 0, 1, 2, 4 & 5 – FIDIC Academy
- FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineer Preparation Program
- Claims & Variation Orders in Engineering Contracts
- Comprehensive Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Programs
- Advanced Arbitration Training (Jordan)

- World Bank Procurement Framework Workshops

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Palestinian Engineers Association (Since 1993)