



The Federal Court of Accounts (TCU) launched the 3rd edition of the booklet “Public Works: basic recommendations for Contracting and Overseeing Public Works and Buildings”, with the purpose of guiding organizations and entities in the Public Administration that do not have specialized technical teams – as, for example, city hall of small and medium-sized cities – regarding procedures to be adopted to carry out those works: from bidding to construction, going through the elaboration of projects and their respective oversight. The material can also be used by bigger cities as well as by other public institutions.

The new edition of the publication updates some information and counts on new readings of abridgements recently approved by TCU that have some connection with the subject: public works. The publication

uses simple language and enables understanding by people who are not specialized in the civil construction area. TCU makes use of its pedagogical position and tries to minimize method and performance shortcomings in order to ensure a proper and transparent execution of those works by means of the guidance provided in the booklet.

The booklet was elaborated to monitor conventional structure – houses, buildings, health units, etc. – since they are the most common undertaking of small municipal town halls. There are, however, generic items that are applicable to other works.

The content of the booklet addresses legal matters that govern the contracting of construction work by the Public Administration in general, especially the Bidding and Contracts Statute (Law No. 8666/1993), and some rulings and abridgements from TCU’s

precedents. The purpose is to warn about the recommendable legal and regulatory procedures regarding the execution of a certain undertaking, without exhausting the subject or analyzing in detail the legislation about the subject.

The publication is available for free download at the TCU Website: www.tcu.gov.br.

