

### 3. EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES

Saudi Arabia, the largest education market in MENA, will spend in 2012, 5.6% of its GDP, which is higher than the world average of 4.4%, according to *Al Masah Capital* research report. The budget dedicated to education spending has more than doubled in size since 2005.

In 2012 the Kingdom's government designated 25.9% of its total annual budget for education and training purposes. About \$45 billion will be allocated to education and training. The budget includes plans to build 742 new schools and to refurbish 2,000 existing schools. These funds will also support the establishment of an electronic college and 40 new colleges and the development of existing universities.

Moreover, in this context, the \$27bn King Abdullah Economic City (Kaec) represents an exceptional opportunity in the educational sector. Among its six integrated zones, the education zone has yet to be developed with a current SAR 2 million investment in the building of schools and universities.



The forthcoming projects in the educational infrastructures field are ambitious. In May 2012, the Saudi education minister Dr. Khalid bin Mohammed Al-Anqari announced some highlights of the new phase of the education development plan (source: Zawya).

The SR 81.5 billion governmental plan will develop:

1. 18 university cities and academy complexes for male and female students in Jazan, Hail, Jouf, Tabuk, Najran, Northern Borders, Baha, Shaqra, Majmaah, Taibah, Qassim, Taif and Kharj;
2. King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz City for Female Students at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Female Students City at King Saud University and Female Students City at Umm Al-Qura University;
3. 161 infrastructure and support projects;
4. 167 colleges for male students;
5. 161 colleges for female students;
6. 11,000 housing units for faculty members and 100 housing units for students accommodating 50,000 students;
7. 3,800-bed 12 university hospitals in Jazan, Jouf, Hail, Baha, Taif, Taibah, Tabuk and Northern Borders, Najran, Rabigh, Kharj and Qassim.

Besides the broad governmental plan, below are several specific projects, whose bid rounds will open from the coming month onwards:

ISSUER	TITLE	BID DUE DATE	CONTACT
King Faisal University	<a href="#">Provide Service for Run Studios Satellite</a>	10/02/2013	<b>Zawya</b>
King Saud University	Provision of security patrols and trucks for a car area for the security and safety management at the faculty of medicine at the King Khaled university hospital	02/02/2013	University Street, Dirriyeh, PO Box 2454, Riyadh 11451 Tel.(9661) 4670000/ 4676935/ 4674000 Fax (9661) 4670000/ 4676935/ 4674000 eng@ksu.edu.sa
Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu	Supply and installation of heavy equipment for technical institute simulator laboratories at Madinat Yanbu al-Sinaiyah	19/02/2013	Directorate-General for Royal Commission in Yanbu, Purchasing & Contracting Department, PO Box 30031, Madinat al-Yanbu al-Sinaiyah Tel.(9664) 3210222 Fax (9664) 3216092
Higher Education Ministry	Construction of a support office and deanship building at the Zulfa College complex at Mujamma university (2)	10/02/2013	King Faisal Hospital Street, PO Box 1683, Riyadh 11153 Tel.(9661) 4415555/ 4644444 Fax (9661) 4419004 contact@mohe.gov.sa
	Construction of a support office and deanship building at the Northern Borders university in Arar (1)	12/02/2013	
Education Ministry	Operation and maintenance (O&M) of cooling, heating and air-conditioning equipment at Al-Hawta and Tameer	16/02/2013	Airport Road, PO Box 3734, Riyadh 11148 Tel. (9661) 4042888/ 4042952/4415555 Fax (9661) 4012365/ 4037229
	Construction of a sports hall at Bi Amro-Al-Hasbaa in the north	09/02/2013	
	Construction of a multi-purpose sports hall in Aflaj province	26/02/2013	

The collected data on tenders are not detailed. In order to have more precise information, you have to sign up with fee for an account on the website [www.zawya.com](http://www.zawya.com) or [www.meed.com](http://www.meed.com)

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