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Construction & Infrastructure in Angola

Ports, rail, power, water and housing, delivering Angola's build-out, with export finance behind it.

PIPELINE
Transport · energy · water · housing

PROCUREMENT
Public tenders & PPPs

EXPORT CREDIT
UKEF-backed precedents

Angola is building. From the Lobito Corridor and port upgrades to the new Luanda airport, urban water programmes and housing, infrastructure anchors the national development plan, and export credit, including from UK Export Finance, has financed major programmes. This guide maps the pipeline, the procurement system and the practicalities.

1 The landscape

Transport RAIL · PORTS · AIR

The Lobito Corridor concession, port modernisation at Luanda, Lobito and Namibe, road rehabilitation, and the new Luanda international airport.

Power & water GENERATION TO TAPS

Generation, transmission and major urban water programmes, several delivered with international export-credit backing.

Housing & urban NEW CENTRALITIES

Public housing programmes and urban expansion drive demand for materials, contractors and utilities.

Industrial & agri platforms CORRIDOR EFFECT

Processing zones, storage and logistics platforms following the corridor and the diversification agenda.

2 Where UK firms fit

- **Engineering & design**, feasibility, design, project management and supervision
- **EPC & specialist subcontracting**, water, power, marine and rail disciplines
- **Materials & equipment**, supply into projects and distribution partnerships
- **Finance, insurance & advisory**, structuring export-credit-backed projects, bonds and guarantees
- **Operations & maintenance**, long-term services once assets are built

3 Rules of the game

1 Track public procurement

Public works are tendered under Angola's public-contracts law through the national procurement portal, registration and compliant bidding are essential.

2 Qualify to build

Contractors need the appropriate licence and classification from the public-works authorities; many UK firms enter as designers, suppliers or JV partners of licensed local contractors.

3 Structure for finance

Export-credit cover, including from UK Export Finance, which has backed major Angolan programmes, typically needs sovereign or bank counterparties and qualifying UK content; build the financing structure alongside the technical bid.

4 Set up the entity

Establish local presence through an Angolan company or branch (see **Opening a Company in Angola**) and register with **AIPEX** where investment incentives apply.

5 Plan equipment & customs

Importing plant and machinery follows the standard customs process, consider temporary-admission regimes for project equipment.

4 Financing the build

Angola’s infrastructure is financed by a blend of public budget, multilateral lenders and export-credit agencies. **UK Export Finance has supported major Angolan water and infrastructure programmes in recent years**, a route that pairs UK suppliers and contractors with bankable, sovereign-backed contracts.

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From tender to ground-breaking

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5 Key bodies

MINOPUH
Ministry of Public Works, Urbanism & Housing

Portal da Contratação Pública
National public-procurement portal

contratacaopublica.minfin.gov.ao

MINEA
Ministry of Energy & Water, power and water programmes

AIPEX
Investment registration & incentives, our institutional partner

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Logistics & Customs Freight, brokers, warehousing	**HR, Payroll & Recruitment** Hiring & employment	**Translation & Liaison** Interpreting, local fixers
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