

City Hall Puts Out a Tender for Brochures on Immigration Law

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Following the mayoral election, in which cracking down on illegal immigration was a prominent campaign issue, the Labor and Employment Department has announced a tender for a series of brochures on Russian immigration and labor law.

The brochures will focus on the hiring and labor of foreign workers, the allocation of work permits, and penalties for employers and foreign workers for violating immigration law, Interfax reported Monday.

The materials are to be distributed by the end of 2013 and must be printed in Tajik, Uzbek and Kyrgyz. The winner will have to print and distribute a combined total of more than 80,000 brochures.

The maximum value of the tender is 2,258,342 rubles (\$70,000).

Russia has 11 million immigrants, making it the country with the second largest number of immigrants after the U.S., according to a UN study published last week.

Most of Russia's immigrants come from former Soviet republics and can enter Russia without a visa, though they are not entitled to work.

A similar <u>brochure</u> was published in St. Petersburg in 2012 and drew international criticism for depicting immigrants as living tools and Russians as people.

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