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Local Government Procuring and Disposing Entities

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ISSUANCE OF THE STANDARD BIDDING DOCUMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF WORKS UNDER OPEN BIDDING METHOD LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

Reference is made to the above subject.

Section 7(1)(d) of the PPDA Act, 2003 mandates the Authority to update authorized versions of the Standard Bidding Documents and any attendant documents to Procuring and Disposing Entities. In light of the above provision and following stakeholder consultations, the Authority revised the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for the procurement of works under the open bidding method (September 2020 version) for the use by the Local Government Entities with immediate effect.

The revision incorporates Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) requirements for the procurement of works, requirement of contract prices in Uganda Shillings, clarification on the instruction for submission of Joint Ventures / Consortium and Associations and editorial enhancements.

The bidding document requires bidders to expressly include in their bids the details of their acceptance and compliance with Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) requirements and to adhere to them once the award is made to the provider throughout the execution of the contract. The SBD has introduced documents such as the Environmental and Social Performance Security; Code of Conduct for Contractor’s Personnel; Environment and Social Management Plan; and Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Performance Declaration.

The purpose of this circular is to submit the SBD for the Local Government Entity’s use. The revised SBD replaces the current SBD for works under open bidding method of procurement issued in 2009.

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You are requested to ensure implementation of the circular and the Contracts Committee and Procurement and Disposal Unit adhere to this standard in preparation of the bidding documents to be issued to the bidders.

The document is available on the PPDA website and can be downloaded at www.ppda.go.ug under downloads / Standard Bidding Documents / Local Government / SBD works.

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