

State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries Promotion



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

NOTICE

Restructuring of Standard Bidding Documents and Procedures for Identified Construction Work (ICW) Gov/CIDA/Directive/101/2022

Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), empowered by the Construction Industry Development (CID) Act 33 of 2014, hereby informs all Employers/Client/Contractor / Developer Organizations, Qualified Persons and any other stakeholders of the construction industry that a critical restructuring of CIDA Standard Bidding Documentation (SBD) will soon be carried out to strengthen the contractual provisions of ICWs, in order to safeguard the rights and obligations of all stakeholders and for the benefit of the construction industry at large.

As such, following proposals will be implemented in carrying out ICWs, under the provisions of section 46 of CID Act 33 of 2014. The current notice is further to and to strengthen our earlier published notices bearing reference numbers, Gov/CIDA/Directive/ 106/2021, 107/2021, 108/2021 and 109/2021 which can be downloaded from CIDA web bearing www.cida.gov.lk.

- I. Stipulated by the CID Act 33 of 2014, General Conditions of CIDA SBDs shall not be changed unless otherwise permitted by CIDA. Therefore, the set of SBDs will be issued per project basis, in soft (digital) form, using a dedicated electronic and analogue identification system with the objective to address the issue of unlawful changes to SBDs when carrying out ICWs.
- II. Accordingly, changes will only be authorized in Particular Conditions of a Contract as identified in a particular set of SBD issued for that particular project.
- III. In order to ensure the accuracy of information pertaining to ICWs, Employer/Client Organizations/Institutions shall be registered with CIDA under the provisions of Section 29 of the CID Act. Only registered Organisations/Institutions will be issued an authorized set of SBDs for the use of a particular ICW. Each registration requires renewal on an annual basis. Application for Registration for the request of SBDs will be available at www.cida.gov.lk

As per the interpretation given in the Construction Industry Development Act, an Identified Construction Work (ICW) means any construction work for public use which are exceeding in value **Rupees Ten Million (Rs.10,000,000.00)** or such higher value as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time.

It is important that all relevant Client organizations (Employers, Developers), Qualified Persons and Contractors shall abide by all legal requirements of the CID Act No 33 of 2014. As per the provisions of CID Act, any person who commits an offense under this Act shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **Rs. 100,000.00** or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

As per the provisions of section 1(2) of CID Act, CIDA also urges all stakeholders engaged in activities relating to construction industry of Sri Lanka to practice the above to ascertain the sustainability of construction industry.

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