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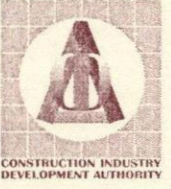
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## CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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### REQUIREMENT OF THE COMPULSORY USE OF STANDING BIDDING DOCUMENTS (SBDS), FOR "IDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION WORKS" IN SRI LANKA

Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) is the apex regulating authority of the Construction Industry established under the Construction Industry Development Act No 33 of 2014, operating under the purview of the Ministry of Urban Development & Housing.

As per the provisions of the Construction Industry Development Act No.33 of 2014; any "Identified Construction Works" carried out in Sri Lanka, shall be executed adhering to the condition stipulated therein, as per the provisions of section 46 and the Regulations published in the Gazette under sections 30 and 38, of Construction Industry Development Act No.33 of 2014.

The section 46 of the CID Act states that, 'any party that engages a qualified person as a consultant or a registered contractor in any identified construction work shall use the standard documents specified for the purpose by the Authority'.

The Standard Bidding Documents (SBD's) are published by the CIDA, as per the provisions of Subsection 46 of the said Act. Therefore, any party that engages a qualified person as a consultant or a registered contractor in any identified construction work shall use the standard documents specified for the purpose by the Authority.

As such we urge the requirement of adhering to the CIDA published Standing Bidding Documents (SBDS), for any 'Identified Constructions Works' carried out in Sri Lanka.

The Standard Bidding Document of CIDA states that 'Modifications or amendments to the Volume 1 of this Bidding Document shall not be carried out without prior approval of the CIDA. Any such changes should be provided only in the Volume 2, Section 2- Bidding Data, Section 4a -Contract Data and Section 4b – Special provisions'.

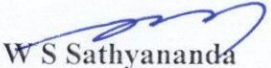
Therefore, failure to adhere to SBDS or alterations of conditions stipulated in SBDS can be construed as a violation of the provisions of Construction Industry Development Act No 33 of 2014 and hence become an offence under the provision of the said Act. In such a situation, CIDA will take necessary legal actions as per section 56 of this Act.

According to the Section 67 of the said Act, "identified construction works" defined as follows:

- all buildings, structures, or any building or structure or landscape which consists of facilities and amenities for public use exceeding in value rupees ten million or such higher value as may be prescribed by the Minister, from time to time; and
- all buildings, structures or landscapes which need approval of environmental, geological and cultural heritage regulatory bodies.

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Any private residential building constructed for the personal use of any private owner shall be excluded from the definition of the expression "identified construction works"

  
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