

Preface

This Standard Bidding Document for Procurement of Small Works has been prepared for use in contracts financed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA),¹ involving “smaller” contracts – valued at generally less than US\$10 million equivalent by International Competitive Bidding (ICB), though it may also be adapted to National Competitive Bidding (NCB). This document is intended as a model in the award of admeasurement (unit prices or unit rates in a bill of quantities) and lump sum types of contracts, which are the most common in Works contracting.

This Standard Bidding Document for Procurement of Small Works is to be used when a prequalification process has not taken place before bidding and, therefore, post-qualification applies.

This document includes a lump sum contract. Lump sum contracts are used in particular for buildings and other forms of construction where the Works are well defined and are unlikely to change in quantity or specification, and where encountering difficult or unforeseen site conditions (for example, hidden foundation problems) is unlikely. Lump sum contracts should be used for Works that can be defined in their full physical and qualitative characteristics before bids are called, or where the risks of substantial design variations are minimal, such as bus shelters or school ablution units. In lump sum contracts, the concept of priced “activity schedules” is used, to enable payments to be made on the basis of percentage completion of each activity.

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