

All Secretaries to Ministries

Dealing with Unsolicited Projects Proposals

Your kind attention is drawn to the Supplement-30 dated 26.12.2016 issued to the Guidelines on Government Tender Procedure – Part II (Private Sector Infrastructure Projects) of 1998 introducing "Swiss Challenge Procedure" to deal with unsolicited project proposals by the government institutions.

02. However, it is found that the adoption of "Swiss Challenge Procedure" to evaluate unsolicited project proposals is not practical and there are deficiencies in the procedure whilst it takes a considerable time to evaluate the project proposals.

03. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 07.08.2018 has decided to abolish the "Supplement -30 issued to the Government Tender Procedure – Part II of 1998 on the introduction of "Swiss Challenge Procedure" without prejudice to the ongoing procurement processes already commended under "Swiss Challenge Procedure" and to introduce a new mechanism to deal with unsolicited project proposals.

04. Accordingly, the Supplement-30 dated 26.12.2016 issued to the Government Tender Procedure - Part II of 1998 on the introduction of "Swiss Challenge Procedure is hereby abolished.

05. As such, until a new mechanism is introduced to deal with unsolicited project proposals, you are informed to adhere to the "Guidelines on Government Tender Procedure – Part II" (Private Sector Infrastructure Projects) of 1998 in dealing with unsolicited project proposals and also to comply with the other general provisions laid down in the Public Finance Circular No.02/2019 dated 26.03.2019 specially with regard to Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects.

06. Any clarifications in this regard may be obtained from the Director General of the Department of Public Finance on 0112484614.

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