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**From: Procurement Policy Office**

**To : Heads of Public Bodies**

**Framework Agreement for Works projects**

1. The purpose of this Circular is to draw the attention of public bodies that they must ensure that the provisions of Section 37(10A) of the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Directives Nos. 52 and 61 are applied at the appropriate stages as explained hereunder.
2. Most Framework Agreements are based on Regulation 3(b) and (c) of the Public Procurement (Framework Agreement) Regulations, which make use of a combination of the following two modes:
  - (i) “(b) closed framework agreement without second-stage competition” (per call-off of up to the threshold mentioned in the bidding document); and (c) closed framework agreement with second-stage competition (per call-off above the threshold).
  - (ii) Bidders are required to bid based on a dummy BOQ. The rates of the different bidders whose bids are found substantially responsive are retained in the Framework Agreement. These rates are applied to the BOQ of the works for a call-off not exceeding the threshold to determine the lowest bidder to be awarded the contract.
  - (iii) For call-offs above the threshold, a mini competition is held to determine the most competitive bidder
3. In the evaluation of bids for framework Agreement and mini competition, the Bid Evaluation Committee must follow the procedures stipulated in Section 37(10A) of the Act and Directives Nos. 52 and 61 issued by this Office whenever it has determined any bid to be abnormally low or substantially high by more than 15% of the estimated cost.

4. On the completion of the process at para. 3 above, bidders whose bids still exceed the estimated cost by more than 15% must not be retained.

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**Note:** When undertaking a procurement exercise, please make sure you are using the latest version of the appropriate Standard Bidding Document available on the website of the Procurement Policy Office (<http://ppo.govmu.org>). You may also consult on the site the updated version of the Public Procurement Act and the Regulations made thereunder, as well as circulars issued by the Office.