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PPDA PROVIDES STANDARD FORMAT TO GUIDE IN DUE DILIGENCE

The Permanent Secretary / Secretary to the Treasury at the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, has issued a Circular directing all Accounting Officers to perform due diligence on bidders and their securities during the procurement process to avoid repeat incidents of financial loss such as the recent case covered in the media of payment of UGX 24bn made by UNRA against forged advance payment securities to a dubious firm.

The purpose of the Circular is to advise all Accounting Officers that:

- a. The due diligence exercise informs the evaluation process and should be undertaken before award of contract to verify information included in the bid document and confirm the capacity of the bidder to handle the procurement
- b. There is need for further due diligence from the relevant financial institutions after the contract award but before disbursement of funds on the securities submitted by the bidder such as performance and advance payment securities
- c. All records regarding the due diligence of the documents submitted by bidders should be filed on the procurement action file which will be subject to procurement audit by PPDA.

The Public Procurement & Disposal of Public Assets Authority (**PPDA**) has prepared documents in **standard format to guide Accounting Officers** in performing due diligence during the procurement process. Accounting Officers can now download the documents from the Authority website at: www.ppda.go.ug

For more information

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ABOUT PPDA

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act 1 of 2003 up the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) as the principal regulatory body for public procurement and disposal.

All Government departments and agencies are obliged to follow the public procurement law. The law emphasizes best practices including procurement and disposal principles, rules, administrative review systems, codes of conduct, as well as suspension of providers for offenses and disciplinary measures against public officers who commit malpractices.

The law is also complimented by Regulations, Guidelines, Forms and Standard Bidding Documentation. These serve to assist the procuring and disposing entities and providers of services, supplies and works in carrying out procurement and disposal processes.

Vision Statement

A world-class procurement and disposal system that is transparent, accountable and efficient.

Mission Statement

To regulate and facilitate public procurement in Uganda by setting standards, building capacity and monitoring compliance and ultimately contribute to socio-economic development.

What is the role of PPDA?

The Act set up the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) in 2003. Its role is to:

- Ensure the application of fair, competitive, transparent, non-discriminatory and value for money procurement and disposal standards and practices
- Harmonize the procurement and disposal policy systems and practices of Central Government, Local Governments and Statutory bodies
- Set standards for the public procurement and disposal systems in Uganda
- Monitor compliance of procuring and disposing entities
- Build procurement and disposal capacity in Uganda.