



**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Ministry of Finance  
Procurement Policy Unit (PPU)**

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**Subject: Standard Bidding Documents for Procurement of Goods**

1. The Afghanistan Procurement Law (hereinafter referred as the “Law”) was promulgated in the official Gazette 865 dated 3/8/1384. In compliance of article 93 of the Law, the Ministry of Finance established the Procurement Policy Unit (PPU) for for policy and professional development and as a performance monitoring organ in the field of procurement. The PPU is responsible for prescribing policies and proposing improvements in procurement practices to accomplish the purposes of the Law in all areas of public procurement.
2. In accordance with the provisions of article 94.1 (d) of the Law, the PPU in Ministry of Finance hereby issues the “Standard Bidding Documents for procurement of Goods” for the purpose of assisting procuring entities in preparation, using standard bidding documents, for procurement of goods and related services to fulfill the objectives and to implement the provisions of the Law. These SBDs have been prepared for the use of procuring entities for all procurement methods: International Tender, (PPL Art. 25), Open Tender (PPL Art 23), Restricted Tender (PPL Art 24) and Single Source Procurement (PPL Art 28). Pursuant to the article 6 of Public Procurement Law, utilization of the SBD and all forms issued by Procurement Policy Unit is obligatory for all procuring entities and other participants in public procurement.
3. The “Standard Bidding Documents for Procurement of Goods” have been approved in Ministry of Finance and have become effective on approval with effect from May 24, 2008.
4. While printed copies of the SBDs shall be made available in due course, all Line Ministries / Procuring Entities may obtain a copy from PPU by sending a request by email to [ppu@mof.gov.af](mailto:ppu@mof.gov.af). The Line Ministries / Procuring

Entities may seek clarification, if any, in this regard from the PPU in the office of the undersigned.



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To,  
All Line Ministries / Procuring Entities.