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## PROCUREMENT MANUAL

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DOMESTIC PREFERENCE FOR WORKS CONTRACTS

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**Priority Preference to Local Bidders Participating in Contract  
Works with Domestic Funding**

In terms of the "Mahinda Chinthana Idiri Dekma", the government has accorded priority to promote local construction industry as well as other allied industries in order to explore full potential of such industries in the process of economic development. Recognizing the national importance of the construction industry and considering the immense benefits in the process of domestic value creation, a decision has been taken by the Cabinet of Ministers to increase the domestic preference from ten percent (10%) to fifteen percent (15%) for domestic contractors when competing with foreign bidders. All tenders should therefore be evaluated on this basis.

02. Accordingly, Para 7.9.5 of the Government Procurement Guidelines 2006 is revised. However, other terms and conditions stipulated under 7.9.5 remain unchanged.

03. This revised preference will be effective for tenders starting from the date of this Circular.

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