

# **Standardized Agreements, Bidding Documents and Guidance Manuals**

## Full Description

There has been a long tradition of the use of standardized agreements for the procurement of goods and services for traditional public works projects and many international financial institutions including the World Bank require the use of standard bidding documents for the projects that they fund. The use of standardized contracts for complex public-private partnership (PPP) transactions is less common and to date international financial institutions have not produced standardized agreements for PPP transactions.

On the national level many countries have developed model bidding documents, model contracts or key contract clauses, along with guidance manuals. This includes a number of jurisdictions with extensive PPP programs such as the United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa. Standardized agreements are also increasingly used for specific sectors to reduce the costs for each single contract. Other countries incorporate some standardized elements in overall legislation to govern all PPP contracts.

Set out below are links to examples of standardized PPP agreements, PPP contract clauses, bidding documents and guidance manuals that were developed on the national and international level:

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  - [International Standardization Initiatives](#)
    - [Guidance on PPP Contractual Provisions \(2019\)](#)
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## **National Standardization Initiatives**

### **Standardized Bidding Documents and Guidelines**

Here you find samples of standard bidding documents and guidance on preparing bidding documents developed for various countries.

### **Standardized PPP Contracts and Contract Clauses**

### **What is a PPP Contract?**

The term 'PPP contract' refers to the contractual documents that govern the relationship between the public and private parties in a PPP transaction. These documents set out the rights and obligations of the parties, deal with the allocation of risk, and mechanisms for dealing with change. In practice, the 'PPP contract' can encompass several documents and agreements. For details see Box 3.9: "What is the PPP Contract" (p. 150) of the [PPP Reference Guide](#).

## **Examples of Standardized PPP Contracts and Contract Clauses**

### **France**

- [Contrat de Partenariat - Clausier-type](#), Mission d'Appui aux Partenariats Public-Privé (MAPPP), version du 18 novembre 2011

### **Ireland**

- [Compendium of clauses for Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain \(DBFOM\) Contract](#)

### **Netherlands**

- [Model DBFM Agreement Infrastructure 2012 \(Rijksbrede Modelovereenkomst DBFM Infrastructuur 2013\)](#) (Dutch and unofficial English translation)

### **New Zealand**

- [Standard Form Public-Private Partnership Project Agreement](#), version three, 2013

### **South Africa**

- [Standardized Public-Private Partnership Provisions](#), 2004

### **Tanzania**

- [Standardized Small Power Purchase Agreement - for main grid connection](#), 2009

### **United Kingdom**

- [Standardization of PF2 Contracts](#), 2012

## **Sector Specific Standardized PPP Agreements and Contract Clauses**

### **India**

- Railways: [Model Concession Agreement for PPP in Container Train Operation](#).
- Ports: [Model Concession Agreement for Private Sector Projects in Major Ports](#).
- Roads: [National Highways Authority of India - Model Concession Agreements](#).

### **South Korea**

- Draft Standard Concession Agreement for Build-Transfer-Operate Road (BTO) Projects - developed and published by the [Public and Private Infrastructure Investment Management Center \(PIMAC\)](#) in March 2010.

### **United Kingdom**

- Waste - [Standard Form of Waste Management Agreement](#) developed by the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) in collaboration with Clarkslegal LLP and last updated 2009.
- United Kingdom Schools - [Project Documents](#)

## United States

- Roads - [Model Public-Private Partnerships Core Toll Concessions Contract Guide - Final \(Part 1\)](#), United States Department of Transport, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), September 2014.

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## International Standardization Initiatives

### Revised Report on Recommended PPP Contractual Provisions

[Revised Report on Recommended PPP Contractual Provisions](#), prepared by Gide Loyrette Nouel at the request of the World Bank, July 2015.

### Standardized Documentation for the Public Procurement of Goods and Services

Many international finance institutions including the World Bank have standardized documentation for the public procurement of goods and services. For details visit [Procurement Processes and Bidding Documents](#).

### Guidelines for PPP Laws and Concession Laws

Some international development organizations have also developed guidelines for PPP laws and concession laws that contain details with regard to the content of the contractual arrangements. For more information visit [PPP Laws/Concession Laws](#).

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## Further Reading and Resources

[Video: Should Standardized Agreements Be Used in PPP Contracts - A Debate](#), Law, Justice and Development Week 2014.

[Public-Private Partnership Reference Guide, Version: 3.0](#), a joint product of the World Bank Group, ADB, EBRD, GI Hub, IADB, IsDB, OECD, UNECE, and UNESCAP, third edition, 2017, Table 3.1 "Examples of Standardized PPP Contracts and Contract Clauses", p. 151.

### Related Content

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[Standardized PPP Contracts and Contract Clause](#)

[Sector Specific Standardized PPP Agreements and Contract Clauses](#)

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