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The Rules Corner:

Preparation of Implementing Regulations

PPRA is in the process of preparing implementing regulations "Public Procurement Regulations 2009" to facilitate the procuring agencies by further clarifying Public Procurement Rules 2004. The exercise has been initiated on the demand of procuring agencies during the training courses conducted by this Authority during last two years, with technical assistance and cooperation of an International Financial Institution. These regulations will cover most of the Public Procurement Rules 2004 which need further elaboration for effective implementation. Meetings have been held to discuss the related issues among sponsoring institute, the Consultant hired for the purpose and officials of this Authority. As soon as the draft is agreed it will be displayed on PPRA's website and circulated amongst the stakeholders for their input to further fine tune the document, before placing it on the agenda of the PPRA Board for its consideration / approval. The notification of the implementing regulations will, thus, satisfy the long outstanding demand of the procuring agencies.

PPRA Website helps save millions of rupees

The public sector procuring agencies can save huge amounts incurred on account of publishing tender notices in print media by posting the procurement advertisements on Authority's website free of cost.

What is Rule 12?

(1) Procurements over one hundred thousand rupees and up to the limit of two million rupees shall be advertised on the Authority's website in the manner and format specified by regulation by the Authority from time to time. These procurement opportunities may also be advertised in print media, if deemed necessary by the procuring agency:

Provided that the lower financial limit for advertisement on Authority's website for open competitive bidding shall be the

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prescribed financial limit for request for quotations under clause (b) of rule 42.

(2) All procurement opportunities over two million rupees should be advertised on the Authority's website as well as in print media with wide circulation. The advertisement in the newspapers shall principally appear in at least two national dailies, one in English and the other in Urdu.

(3) In cases where the procuring agency has its own website it may also post all advertisements concerning procurement.

(4) A procuring agency utilizing electronic media shall ensure that the information posted on the website is complete for the purposes for which it has been posted and such information shall remain available on that website until the closing date for the submission of bids.

Around the Globe:

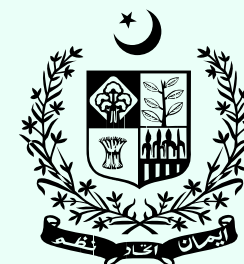
Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM)

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) is a professional association established in 1976, it brings together all those engaged in activities that involve procurement and supply chain management functions. The Institute's overriding task is to nurture and build the supply chain management profession, all the while instilling discipline, ethics and order in the practice of this function within the private and public procurement sectors in Kenya. It also trains training staff from GOK and private sector to enhance their technical knowledge. KISM also lobbies for the passage of the legislation and policies to promote the procurement profession. (www.kism.or.ke)

**Fair Competition,
Transparency,
Accountability,
Value for money,
Efficiency,
Quality and
Economy.**

"Corruption is a poison; we must put it down with iron hand."

Qaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah:
*(Presidential Address to the
Constituent Assembly Of Pakistan
August 11, 1947)*



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Message from Member PPRA Board:

Nasir Ali Shah Bukhari



Growing awareness about fairness and transparency around the globe and within Pakistan has enhanced the role of PPRA in respect of overseeing and regulating public spending. I appreciate the dedicated efforts

of PPRA for doing diligent work to ensure transparency, efficiency, quality and accountability in public procurements. The most recent effort of establishing a procurement training institute for capacity building of the procurement officials of public sector deserves great recognition and acknowledgement of the sound planning and efforts of the management for sustainability of this big training initiative. Among the most serious challenges, non-transparency is the most worrying and dangerous for our stability and economic viability. We need extraordinary efforts at national level to eradicate dishonesty and malpractices for a better tomorrow. The dream of prosperity, development and advancement cannot be a reality until and unless we as a nation become fair and transparent.

Capacity Building Program- Activities and Events :

1. Inauguration of National Institute of Procurement

27th July 2009 was an auspicious day in terms of inauguration of a new in-house, sustainable and non-rental National Institute of Procurement (NIP) in PPRA office located on the 1st Floor of Federal Bank of Cooperatives Building, G-5/2 Islamabad. Equipped with all essentials of a training facility, the new venue will save the government of Pakistan Rs.2.4 million only in annual rent along with logistics and other paraphernalia and most importantly, time. The training centre will accommodate around 20 participants per session in adjustable class room/conference room positions. It also has a leisure/refreshment corridor with a view. PPRA is certain that its new training centre will go a long way in advocating and instilling transparent and ethical practices in public procurement with a goal of meaningful development leading to prosperity.

*Inauguration Speech by MD PPRA
Hafeez ur Rehman*



The government is answerable to its people; transparency in the business of the government is the responsibility of its functionaries. The certainty of accountability ensures ethical practices in buying and selling of goods, services and works. Like individuals, countries are known for their fair dealings and lend image to the country. Honesty, transparency and fairness stand in good stead for countries as well as individuals. There is no better example than our Prophet, Hazrat Mohammad (PBUH) for he was known as Sadiq and Ameen even amongst his foes. The same quality led to the spread of Islam. Even today it is the fastest growing religion in the world in these adverse times. Transparency in Public Procurement is one small step to our salvation.



NIP Inauguration by Training Officer NIP, Ali Taimoor



Khalid Mahmood Lodhi, Director PPRA in Class Session

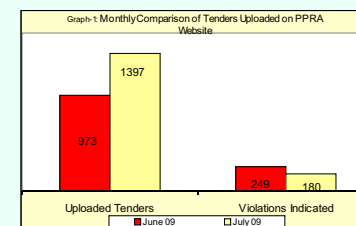
2. One day training session at Pakistan Railways Headquarter Lahore

Under the capacity building program of PPRA one day training session was held at Pakistan Railways Headquarter Lahore on 13th July 2009. A five member team from PPRA under the supervision of Managing Director imparted training to around 70 officers/officials.

Participants took keen interest in interactive session on the procurement issues relating to PPRA Ordinance and Rules. The management of Pakistan Railways acknowledged the efforts of PPRA in respect of capacity building and implementation of procurement rules in the public sector.

Monitoring :

The uploading of tenders is a regular function of PPRA. The tenders of procuring agencies are uploaded on daily basis on authority's website. This activity not only saves huge advertisement costs but also enables PPRA to monitor procurement rules. Around 44% more tenders were uploaded in July 2009 as compared to June 2009 (Graph-1). The monitoring has resulted into a significant reduction in the violations made by procuring agencies. There has been a 28% decline in violations in July 2009 as compared to June 2009. The awareness drive and training provided by PPRA to officials of public organizations has started producing the desired outcome.



If this trend continues the efforts of PPRA shall bear more fruit in coming years and the procedures of public procurements shall become more transparent.

Complaints Redressal :

Any bidder can lodge a written complaint to PPRA against procuring agency. With the passage of time awareness among bidders is increasing and consequently more complaints are being lodged with PPRA. It is evident from the data of July 08 and July 09 that only 03 complaints were received during July 08 as compared to 20 in July 09 showing a significant increase. Similarly, around 50% growth has been noted in the complaints received and disposed off in July 09 as compared to June 09. It indicates that the expectations of bidders from PPRA are gradually rising as a result of timely and effective response and action.

