

"Among a people generally corrupt, liberty cannot long exist."

~ Edmund Burke

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Restoring Trust

At the 14th International Anti-Corruption Conference 1200 people from 135 countries got together from 10th to 13th November 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand to restore trust through global action against corruption.

Corruption basically is a violation of trust; trust with yourself, your faith, your family, your community, society, nation and country, when so many people from all over the world get together it articulates violation of global trust, a trust against humanity that creates rich and poor, that leads to the wedge between haves and have nots', a primary cause of all ills of the world.

All forms of corruption came under extensive discussion at the plenary sessions and workshops including moral and corruption of silence. The need for more whistle blowers in societies rife with corruption was an undertone of the conference. Having attended the conference following, main themes need to be reported:

1. Combating Corruption and Illicit Trade: Good laws will not defeat corruption, it is a moral issue.
2. Restoring Trust for Peace and Security: Sought the dynamic linkages between corruption, peace and security.
3. Fuelling Transparency and Accountability in Natural Resources and Energy Markets: It was

acknowledged that resource, wealth ends up benefiting a country's elites while ordinary citizens continue to suffer the effects of extreme poverty

4. Climate Governance: Ensuring a Collective Commitment: Brought out the trust deficit between the developed and developing countries in international climate negotiations.

5. Strengthening Global Action for an Accountable Corporate World: Corporate accountability was a crucial part of deliberations in view of crisis of the past years in restoring trust.

6. Reaching our Millennium Development Goals: To restore trust the world needs to follow MDG's.

7. People's Empowerment to Change the Rules of the Game: There should be no obstruction from joining the fight against corruption.

It was concluded that empowered people create change and stare in the face of Lord Acton's famous quote "power corrupts" and so on.

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL:

A substantial growth in the complaints lodged with PPRA by the bidders has been witnessed. As mentioned in the previous issues the success rate has also increased and procuring agencies are now more compliant to PPRA and its procedures. During last five months Performance in respect of grievance rederssal is shown in the table below;

Table 1: Grievances Redressal

Months	Complaints Received/Disposed off		Growth (%)
	2010-11	2009-10	
July	27	20	35
August	35	17	106
September	43	27	59
October	39	31	26
November	41	20	105
July-Nov	185	115	61

"Empowered people create change. We recognize that involving people needs time, fresh new ideas and a vibrant civic space. Our role should be to support the people who are willing to change the rules of the game."

~ 14th International Anti Corruption Conference, Bangkok Thailand

"When rich villains have need of poor ones, poor ones may make what price they will."

~ William Shakespeare



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Training Program:

The training sessions are held as a regular fortnightly activity in PPRA (NIP) and up to now a large number of government officers and officials have been trained in PP Rules 2004 and procedures. During the current Fiscal Year more than 12 sessions were organized and resultantly the participants were equipped with knowledge in PP Rules, modern tools, methods & trends of public procurements followed in the world.



Mr. Ahmed Owais Pirzada (Addl. Secretary Planning Division) is giving the certificate to a Participant

ONLINE QUERY SYSTEM:

PPRA had launched its online query system in April 2010 to facilitate the stakeholders by replying their queries within 24 hours. The method of online queries has not only helped reducing the paper work in PPRA but also saves the time of stakeholders. The system has been highly effective to get speedy responses regarding various issues pertaining to PP Rules 2004 and procurement procedures. A rising trend of online queries has been noted during last eight months, as shown in table 2.

Table 2: Online Queries Replied During April-November 2010

Months	Queries Received and Replied
April	18
May	49
June	37
July	86
August	77
September	57
October	85
November	77
April-November	486

Phase 2 E-Tendering (Document downloads, SBDs / Contract Forms)

In the 2nd phase of development of PPRA's e-procurement system, e-tendering procedures and documents have been developed. Second edition of PPRA Code containing the Public Procurement Ordinance 2002, PP-Rules 2004, PP-

Regulations 2008 and PPRA Guidelines has been uploaded on Authority's website for the convenience of stakeholders. Updated SRO's, manuals, publications and related forms are also available to balance the interest of the Supplier as well as the Procuring Agency. Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs) / Contract forms have been uploaded on PPRA web portal.

PPRA SOP for Procurement of Goods, Works and Services.

For the convenience of Procuring Agencies SOPs for Procurement of Goods, Works and Services have been uploaded on web portal which can be downloaded for ready reference. Similarly, following Standard procurement forms have also been uploaded for the convenience of stakeholders and Procuring Agencies at large.

- SPF1 Procurement Requisition
- SPF2 Submission to Relevant Authority: Section A
- SPF2 Submission to Relevant Authority: Section B
- SPF2 Submission to Relevant Authority: Section C
- SPF2 Submission to Relevant Authority: Section D
- SPF3 Submission to Relevant Authority
- SPF4 Evaluation Report: Least Cost Selection
- SPF5 Evaluation Report: Quality and Cost Based Selection
- SPF6 Monthly Procurement Report.
- SPF7 Record of Bid Opening.
- SPF8 Record of Samples Received from Suppliers.
- SPF9 Inspection Committee Record.
- SPF10 Record of Financial Commitments.
- SPF11 Spreadsheet of Bids.
- SPF12 Record of Awarding Committee
- SPF13 Contracts Record
- SPF14 Bid to Supply for Limited or RFQ Tender.
- SPF15 Notice of Award of Contract.
- SPF16 Receipt Voucher for Goods into Stores
- SPF17 Purchase Order (Low Value).

Supplier Portal: Supplier Portal is in the development stage. Suppliers will get registered on the "E-Procurement system of PPRA". A unique user name and password will be assigned to each supplier upon request. The supplier will bid against a specific tender after logging into the system. The suppliers will be categorized into goods, works and services (including consulting services). Considering the history, background, financial condition and relevant registration with an appropriate forum / body, the suppliers will be

further categorized into Cat A, Cat B, Cat C and even in the category of black listed suppliers if a supplier fails to meet quality or found in litigation. This awareness will save a lot of time of the procuring agencies thereby making the procurement process hassle free and effective. Uptil now more than 300 Suppliers have so far got registered on PPRA's web portal which is not only aligned with the e-GP strategy of PPRA but also provides the level playing field for the Suppliers as well as the Procuring Agencies.

RULES CORNER

PP Rule 23. Bidding documents. - (1) Procuring agencies shall formulate precise and unambiguous bidding documents that shall be made available to the bidders immediately after the publication of the invitation to bid.

(2) For competitive bidding, whether open or limited, the bidding documents shall include the following, namely:-

- (a) invitation to bid; (b) instructions to bidders;
- (c) form of bid; (d) form of contract;
- (e) general or special conditions of contract;
- (f) specifications and drawings or performance criteria (where applicable);
- (g) list of goods or bill of quantities (where applicable); (h) delivery time or completion schedule;
- (i) qualification criteria (where applicable);
- (j) bid evaluation criteria; (k) format of all securities required (where applicable); (l) details of standards (if any) that are to be used in assessing the quality of goods, works or services specified; and
- (m) any other detail not inconsistent with these rules that the procuring agency may deem necessary.

(3) Any information, that becomes necessary for bidding or for bid evaluation, after the invitation to bid or issue of the bidding documents to the prospective bidders, shall be provided in a timely manner and on equal opportunity basis. Where notification of such change, addition, modification or deletion becomes essential, such notification shall be made in a manner similar to the original advertisement.

(4) Procuring agencies shall use standard bidding documents as and when notified by regulation by the Authority:

(5) The procuring agency shall provide a set of bidding documents to any supplier or contractor, on request and subject to payment of price, if any.