



**PPRA**

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## Training program on “Public Procurement in Pakistan: Challenges and Solutions” organized by PPRA in collaboration with Crown Agents Foundation- UK

Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in collaboration with Crown Agents Foundation UK arranged a training program on “Public Procurement in Pakistan: Challenges and Solutions”. The training program was held for four days from 30th April to 3rd May, 2013 at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The training was attended by 30 participants from federal and provincial Procurement Regulatory Authorities and other major public sector organizations. The training program was conducted by Procurement specialist and trainer Mr. Robert Graham along with other local resource persons.



Group Photo of training program on "Public Procurement in Pakistan: Challenges and Solutions" organized by PPRA in collaboration with Crown Agents Foundation- UK

## Inaugural meeting of the Advisory Group on Public Procurement held in collaboration with Assessment and Strengthening Program-RSPN

As part of its endeavors of strengthening public procurement regime in Pakistan, PPRA in collaboration with Assessment and Strengthening Program-RSPN organized the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Group on Public Procurement on 1st and 2nd of April 2013. The objective of forming this group is to bring all stakeholders together on one platform to create partnerships and provide support to strengthen the public procurement system at federal and provincial levels.



Inaugural Meeting of Advisory Group on Public Procurement, April 1st – 2nd, 2013

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# 1202 Violation Letters Issued To Procuring Agencies

During the period from April – June, 2013 the Federal Government Procuring Agencies uploaded 6834 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, it was found that 1202 tender notices were in violations of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004. As a standard procedure, all the procuring agencies were informed about the violations and advised to remove the violations and to make the tender notices in accordance with the provisions of the Rules. Month-wise breakup of the uploaded tender notices and the violations are given in the following table:-

Months	Uploaded Tenders	Violations Indicated	Violations %
April, 2013	2564	503	19.62
May, 2013	2420	406	16.78
June, 2013	1850	293	15.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>6834</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>17.59</b>

The violations committed by the procuring agencies mostly related to Rule 28 (Opening of Bid), and Rule 13 (Response Time). The percentage of compliance of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, on indicated violations by PPRA, was 5.8% during the quarter.

## Complaints Received by PPRA against Public Sector Procuring Agencies

During the period from April through June, 2013, PPRA received 55 complaints against the procuring agencies. The complaints received by PPRA mostly related to Rule-10 "Specifications", Rule-12 "Methods of advertisement" Rule-13 "Response Time", Rule-23 "Bid Security", Rule 30 "Evaluation of Bids", Rule-33 "Rejection of Bids" and Rule-48 "Grievance Redressal". The complaints were forwarded to the procuring agencies for submission of reports under section 16(1) of the PPRA Ordinance 2002. During April through June, 2013, 21 complaints were settled between the procuring agencies and the suppliers due to intervention of PPRA. The reports called from procuring agencies against 29 complaints are still awaited. 05 complaints received against procuring agencies were not processed further as they were out of the purview of Public Procurement Rules 2004.



MD PPRA Awarding Certificate to Ms. Lubna Rehman, Assistant Manager (DESTO Rwp) in the Training Programme held on 08-09 May, 2013 at PPRA, Islamabad

## PPRA issued 51 advices to procuring agencies and responded 63 online queries.

Public Procurement Rules, 2004 explain the entire process of Public Procurement in a fair and transparent manner. These rules also ensure that the Public Procurement must bring value for money to the Government entities and also the process is efficient and economical. PPRA is extending necessary guidance to all procuring agencies and the bidders in response to their clarifications since promulgation of these rules in 2004.

During the 4th quarter of Financial Year, 2012-13 a total of 51 advices were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders. Besides the above, 66 online queries pertaining to different aspects of the procurement process were also responded through PPRA online query system.

## PPRA trained 87 participants of Public Sector Procuring Agencies

During the period from April through June, 2013, PPRA trained a total of 87 participants by arranging 05 training programmes. The participants were both from the public sector as well as private sector. Participants mostly belonged to National Institute of Health (NIH), Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), Audit & Accounts Training Institute (AATI), Trade

Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB), Defence Science & Technology Organization (DESTO), Military Land & Cantonment Department (ML&C), National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and NUST School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering (SMME).



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### Participant's Feedback

"The course arranged by PPRA Islamabad w.e.f 22nd to 23rd May 2013 for the officers of various departments was indeed very much fruitful and

productive. Such courses will definitely contribute to the capacity building of the officers / participants which would in turn help in ensuring transparency, competition and economy in the procurement process of various Government agencies / organization. The overall attitude of the PPRA administration and teaching faculty was praiseworthy."

### PPRA Training Programmes for August and September

PPRA is going to organize 03 training programs for August and September 2013. Dates of the training programs are given below:-

- (1) August 21 - 22, 2013
- (2) September 04 - 05, 2013
- (3) September 18 - 19, 2013

For registration and further queries regarding the training programs, Mr. Bashir Khetran, Director Training PPRA may be contacted.