



**PPRA**

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## E-procurement Strategy Workshop

A workshop was held on 27th May, 2014 to consider the draft e-procurement strategy developed by M/s International Governance Solution (IGS). It was chaired by Managing Director, PPRA. The World Bank consultants Dr. Paul Schapper and Mr. Rajesh Shakya, during their presentation, introduced the concept of e-procurement, its essential components and highlighted its significance. Moreover, they also discussed the legislation, infrastructure, security, preferred design, costs and implementation of e-procurement in the Pakistan perspective. Representatives of various organizations participated in the workshop with their valuable comments and questions on the draft e-procurement strategy. They include World Bank, Federal PPRA, Punjab PPRA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa PPRA, Sindh PPRA, Balochistan PPRA, State Bank of Pakistan, Finance Department of Gilgit Baltistan, Finance Department of AJK, Punjab Information Technology Board, Ministry of Information Technology and Telecom, Islamabad and Pakistan Computer Bureau, Islamabad.

## Global Distance Learning Network (GDLN) Video Conference held on 20th May, 2014

A GDLN video conference was held on 20th May, 2014 chaired by Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director, PPRA. The video conference was a follow up on Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Forum held from 25th – 27th March, 2014 (Islamabad Conference Action Plan 2014). The heads of the public procurement institutions of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Maldives and GDLN HQ (Washington) discussed the proposed follow-up arrangements on the action plan.

## PPRA Board Meeting

Meeting of the PPRA Board was held on 30th June, 2014 chaired by Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Finance Secretary / Chairman PPRA Board. The Board, inter alia, approved the PPRA Accounting Procedure (Regulations), 2014 subject to legal vetting by the Law & Justice Division.



**From Left to Right**

Mr. Alam Zeb Khan Director General, PPRA, Dr. Paul Schapper, Consultant World Bank, Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director, PPRA, Mr. Rajesh Shakya, Consultant World Bank, Dr. Faizan ur Rehman, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa PPRA, Peshawar and Mr. Mahfooz Ahmed Bhatti, participated during e-procurement strategy workshop

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# Technical Secretariat of South Asian Public Procurement Network (SAPPN) established at PPRA

The Technical Secretariat of South Asian Public Procurement Network (SAPPN) has been established at Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Islamabad till it is relocated to the SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu Nepal. SAPPN is an initiative of the countries in the region as a regional technical mechanism and it comprises government institutions in the South Asian countries, which are responsible for public procurement regulation, management and modernization. Pakistan has developed a Project Proposal for making the SAPPN fully functional through possible funding from donors.

Establishment of the SAPPN Network was agreed to during the 2nd South Asian Region Public Procurement Conference held in Islamabad in March 2014. The objectives of the Network are to create and make available a concrete space for reflection, discussion, mutual knowledge, supportive technical cooperation, training and exchange of experiences, lessons and good practices among its constituents aimed at enhancement of the public procurement practices in the region, as well as to foster regional cooperation.

The SAPPN would build upon the network already developed for regional cooperation among the public procurement institutions and staff of the South Asian countries through bilateral and regional interactions and regional conferences on the subject sponsored by the development partners, such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. The SAPPN agenda would include initiatives for regional cooperation on effective public procurement organization, human resource development, and promotion of new public procurement tools, such as electronic government procurement.



PPRA Board meeting held on 30th June, 2014

## Training Need Assessment and Training Strategy Workshop

A workshop on Training Need Assessment (TNA) and Training Strategy was held on 11th June, 2014 which was chaired by Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director, PPRA. The focus of the workshop was to consider the Procurement Training Strategy and Training Program. Presentation based on detailed studies/surveys, was made by the experts of Pakistan Institute of Management. Representatives of various organizations including World Bank, Federal PPRA, Public Procurement Regulatory Authorities of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Balochistan, Finance Department of Gilgit Baltistan and Finance Department of AJK participated in the workshop with their valuable comments on the draft TNA and Training Strategy.



PPRA Board meeting held on 30th June, 2014

Company Islamabad, National Highway Authority (NHA), Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) Karachi and National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Islamabad. PPRA also organized an exclusive training programme for the officials of Pakistan Navy.



MD PPRA awarding certificate to Lt. Bushra Sultana, AJAG-V, Pakistan Navy, during training programme held on 23-24 April, 2014



Participants interacting with each other during the practical exercises / case study based on the legal framework of PPRA.

## PPRA Trained 32 Participants of Public Sector Procuring Agencies

During the period from April through June, 2014, PPRA trained a total of 32 participants by arranging two training programmes. Participants mostly belonged to Oil and Gas Development



Capt. Junaid Latif Akhtar  
TI (M),  
DSMR  
Pakistan Navy

## Participant's Feedback

"PPRA has exquisitely organized the training programme on Public Procurement Rules & Procedures. The lectures given by various resource persons broaden our horizon of the public procurement rules and urged the participants to bring economy, efficiency and value for money in public procurement. The overall management of the program, I must say, was an impressive feat."





**From Left to Right**

Ms. Uzma Sadaf, Sr. Procurement Specialist, World Bank, Islamabad, Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director, PPRA, Mr. Shahid Hussain, Managing Director, Punjab PPRA, Mr. Alam Zerb Khan, Director General, PPRA and Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director Admn, PPRA participating in the Training Need Assessment and Training strategy workshop

## 1477 Letters Indicating Violations Issued to Procuring Agencies

During the period from April through June, 2014 the Procuring Agencies uploaded 7626 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, it was found that 1477 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 hence advised to remove the violations 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-14	3026	422	13.95
May-14	2698	726	26.91
June-14	1902	329	17.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>7626</b>	<b>1477</b>	<b>19.39</b>

The violations committed by the procuring agencies mostly related to Rule 13 (Response Time), Rule-28 (Opening of Bids) and Rule-33 (Rejection of Bids). The percentage of compliance of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, on indicated violations by PPRA, was 8.0 % during the quarter.



Group Photo of Pakistan Navy participants of the training program held on 23rd – 24th April,

# Violations of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 Committed by Major Organizations during April through June, 2014

The violations of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 committed by some major organizations during the period from April to June, 2014 are given below:-

Sr No.	Department Name	Total Tenders Uploaded	Total Violations Indicated	Percentage of Violations Committed
1.	HQ Military Farm	13	12	92.31
2.	Military Engineering Services (Army)	114	65	57.02
3.	Combined Military Hospital	71	40	56.34
4.	Gilgit Baltistan Secretariat	118	56	47.46
5.	Federal Directorate of Education	24	11	45.83
6.	Military Engineering Services (Airforce)	86	34	39.53
7.	HEC Degree Awarding Universities	137	52	37.96
8.	Public Sector Organization	62	18	29.03
9.	Cantonment Board	166	47	28.31
10.	National Highway Authority (NHA)	101	26	25.74
11.	Pakistan Ordnance Factories	407	95	23.34
12.	Pakistan Navy	335	54	16.12
13.	Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited	700	110	15.71
14.	Pakistan Railways	327	39	11.93
15.	Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA)	151	11	7.28

## PPRA issued 112 Advices to Procuring Agencies and Responded 67 Online Queries.

PPRA is providing necessary guidance to all procuring agencies and the bidders in response to their emails, letters, online queries, and telephonic clarifications as mandated under PPRA Ordinance, 2002.

A total of 112 advices were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders during the period from April to June, 2014. In addition, 67 online queries relating to various steps of procurement proceedings were also responded through PPRA Online Query System.



Participants interacting with each other during the practical exercises / case study based on the legal framework of PPRA.



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## Future Training Programmes

PPRA is going to organize 02 training programs in September, 2014. Dates of the training programs are given below:-

1. September 03-04, 2014
2. September 17-18, 2014

For registration and further queries regarding the training programs, Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director (Admn) PPRA may be contacted through

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