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## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Procurement Regulatory Framework In Pakistan

The government spends billion of rupees on procurement of goods and services. Thus it is the responsibility of the government to build and ensure the confidence of the public in the procurement process. The best procedures for procurement can be ensured by complying with the Public Procurement Rules issued by Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA). Complying with the Rules will not only improve efficiency, transparency and competition but is also important to curtail corruption and fraud.

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority is also imparting training to the officers/officials of the public sector organizations to familiarize them with procurement Rules and to provide guidance to undertake procurement in a fair, transparent and efficient manner. The procuring agencies can upload their tenders directly on the PPRA website. Any violation of the procurement rules are pointed out to the organizations so as to enable them to take timely corrective measures. In addition, the Authority is providing equal opportunity to the Private Sector for training, guidance and any clarification that they may require.

The PPRA is working towards improving the process of public procurement so as to enhance competition and fairness and to bring best value for money.



### Ms. Nazrat Bashir Joins as new MD PPRA

Ms. Nazrat Bashir, a BS-22 officer of the Pakistan Administrative Service, has joined PPRA as its Managing Director, on 9th March 2012. Before her joining as MD PPRA, she was working as Additional Secretary, Finance Division.

### Online Query System

The inception of Online Query system in April 2010 has helped the Authority in understanding the day to day procurement problems of procuring agencies as well as the Suppliers within the purview of Public Procurement Rules 2004. This application has provided the stakeholders a level playing field and speedy responses regarding various issues pertaining to PP Rules 2004 and procurement procedures. The method of online queries has not only helped reducing the paper work in PPRA but also saves time of stakeholders. The system has been highly effective to get speedy responses regarding various issues pertaining to PP Rules 2004 and procurement procedures. So far, a rising trend of online queries has been noted since its inception and to date more than 1600 online queries have been replied by PPRA.

### PPRA receives 170 complaints against procuring agencies

During the period from January through June 2012, PPRA received 170 complaints from the bidders against the procuring agencies. Redressal of grievances by the procuring agencies is governed under Rule 48 of the Public Procurement Rules 2004. A procuring agency shall constitute a committee comprising of odd number of persons, with proper powers and authorizations, to address the complaints of bidders that may occur prior to the entry into force of the procurement contract. Any bidder feeling aggrieved by any act of the procuring agency after the submission of his bid may lodge a written complaint concerning his grievances not later than fifteen days after the announcement of the bid evaluation report. The Grievances redressal committee shall investigate and decide upon the complaint within fifteen days of the receipt of the complaint from the bidder. It may however be noted that merely lodging of a complaint by the bidder shall not warrant suspension of the procurement process by the procuring agency. Any bidder not satisfied with the decision of the committee of the procuring agency may lodge an appeal in the relevant court of jurisdiction.

Since the complaints of the bidders have to be decided by the procuring agencies under Rule 48, therefore all complainants/bidders are advised by PPRA to approach the respective procuring agency for redressal of their grievances.

## PPRA issues 1523 violation letters to Federal Procuring Agencies

During the period from January through June 2012, the procuring agencies uploaded 13791 tenders on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tenders, it was found that 1523 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, to make the tenders in accordance with the provisions of the public procurement rules 2004. Month wise break up of the uploaded tenders and the violations have been given in the Table.

**Table**  
**Details of Uploaded Tenders and Violations Indicated**  
**( Jan 2012 to June 2012)**

Months	Total Tenders	Violations Indicated
January - 12	2258	165
February - 12	2147	170
March - 12	2245	199
April - 12	2435	284
May - 12	2699	393
June - 12	2007	312
<b>Total</b>	<b>13791</b>	<b>1523</b>

## PPRA trains 154 Government officials in Public Procurement Rules and Procedures

Imparting training to government officials at the PPRA's National Institute of Procurement, is a regular activity of PPRA. From 1st January 2012 till 30th June 2012, PPRA arranged eight (08) training programmes for capacity building of Government officials as well as participants from the private sector and NGOs. Till 30th June a total of 154 participants from Ministries/Divisions/ Attached Departments, autonomous bodies, private sector, and NGOs have been trained in public procurement rules and procedures. Some of the main procuring agencies who benefited from these training programmes were National Bank of Pakistan, National Highway Authority, National Highway & Motorway Police, IBA Karachi, Pakistan Aeronautical Complex Kamra and others. This is a two day extensive full time programme, and PPRA charges a nominal fee of Rs. 1500 per participant.



PPRA organises exclusive training programme for officers of State Bank of Pakistan on May 29-30, 2012. Group photo with MD PPRA

## Two New Directors Join PPRA

Mr. Alam Zeb Khan and Mr. Rao Dilshad Ahmad Baber have joined PPRA as Directors on 20th April, 2012, and 18th May 2012 respectively. Both the officers belong to the Secretariat Group.