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Advisory Group on Public Procurement (AGPP) Constituted

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Workshop on “Stakeholders’ Consultation on Public Procurement Regulatory Regime in Pakistan” organized by ASP-RSPN in 2012 in Islamabad, the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has constituted a voluntary Advisory Group on Public Procurement (AGPP) consisting of Federal PPRA, Punjab PPRA, Sindh PPRA, KP PPRA, Government of Balochistan, Government of Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Government of State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Terms of reference for this Advisory Group include (a) Sharing of Knowledge and experiences among all the PPRAs; (b) Creating linkages for any national level initiative(s) in public procurement; (c) Providing Government a forum to coordinate and harmonize the interventions of development partners and; (d) Providing one window form for the development partners to interact with all the PPRAs in the country; (e) Identify needed changes in the regulatory framework for making the public procurement effective, efficient and transparent; (f) Contribute to the development and implementation of the National Procurement Strategy; (g) Harmonization of the public procurement rules and procedures around recognized standards. The inaugural meeting of AGPP is expected shortly.

PPRA trained 111 participants of Public Sector Procuring Agencies

During the period from January through March, 2013, PPRA trained a total of 111 participants by arranging 06 training programmes for the capacity building of officials of the public sector procuring agencies as well as private sector. Some of the main organizations include Sui Southern Gas

Company (SSGC), Islamabad Model College for Girls, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan International Airline (PIA), Port Qasim Authority (PQA), COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, National Engineering and Scientific Commission (NESCOM), Bahria University, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) and Office of the Accountant General Sindh, Karachi. PPRA also organized an exclusive training programme for the officials of Pakistan Navy from 22-23 January, 2013.



Group Photo of Training Programme held on 6th - 7th March 2013 at PPRA, Islamabad

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1626 Violation Letters Issued To Procuring Agencies

During the period from January – March, 2013 the Federal Government Procuring Agencies uploaded 7301 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, it was found that 1626 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 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 %
January, 2013	2475	600	22.24
February, 2013	2234	502	22.47
March, 2013	2592	524	20.22
Total	7301	1626	22.27

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 6.3% during the quarter.

Complaints Received by PPRA against Public Sector Procuring Agencies

During the period from January through March, 2013, PPRA received 57 complaints against the procuring agencies. The complaints received by PPRA mostly related to Rule-10 “Specifications”, Rule-13 “Response Time”, Rule 30 “Evaluation of Bids”, Rule-12 “Methods of advertisement” and Rule-33 “Rejection of Bids”. The complaints were forwarded to the procuring agencies for submission of reports under section 16(1) of the PPRA Ordinance 2002. 26 complaints were settled between the procuring agencies and the suppliers due to intervention of PPRA. The reports called from procuring agencies against 23 complaints are still awaited. 08 complaints received against procuring agencies were not processed further as they were out of the purview of Public Procurement Rules, 2004.



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Training's Feedback

"I highly appreciate the fabulous effort of PPRA to train the participants from different angles. The knowledge of PPRA rules, case studies and real time problems enable us to enhance our procurement knowledge but most important is to follow rules in true spirit. I personally feel that PPRA provides an environment where the participants of multi organizations share their views".



Group Activity of Training Programme
held on 20th - 21st Feb, 2013

total of 130 written clarifications and 48 online queries were responded.



Group Activity of Training Programme
held on 6th - 7th March, 2013

PPRA Future Training Programmes

PPRA is going to organize 04 training programs from May through June 2013. Dates of the training programs are given below:-

- (1) May 08 - 09, 2013
- (2) May 22 - 23, 2013
- (3) June 05 - 06, 2013
- (4) June 19 - 20, 2013

For registration and further queries regarding the training programs, Mr. Alam Zeb Khan, Director Training PPRA may be contacted.



MD PPRA Awarding Certificate to Ms. Beenish Hakim
Officer GR-III SNGPL in the Training Programme
held on 6th - 7th March 2013
at PPRA, Islamabad

Clarifications pertaining to Public Procurement Rules & Regulations.

Public Procurement agencies as well as bidders approached this Authority everyday seeking clarifications in writing, online and telephonically. Due to awareness among the Government functionaries and the suppliers / contractors about Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and the relevant regulations made thereunder this trend is on the rising side. During the 3rd quarter (January – March) of financial year, 2012-2013 a



Mr. Shahid Firdous of Pakistan Navy giving Presentation
during Group Activity of Training Programme
held on 22nd - 23th Jan, 2013