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Global Distance Learning Network (GDLN) Session on Open Contracting held for Heads of Public Procurement of South Asian Countries

Global Distance Learning Network (GDLN) session on “Open Contracting” was held on February 11, 2015 at World Bank, Islamabad office. The Heads of Public Procurement (HsOPP) from the eight South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka), their staff, the World Bank and ADB staff attended the session via video conferencing.

The session was chaired by Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, the Chairperson of the South Asia Regional Conference on Public Procurement. Mr. Felipe Goya, Procurement Practice Manager of the World Bank, moderated the session.

Ms. Marcela Roza and Ms. Lindsey Marchessault of the World Bank Governance Global Practice made presentations on Open Contracting and Open Contracting Data Standard followed by a Q&A session. Details are available at www.sappn.org

Participation in Workshop on Framework Agreements for South Asian Countries in Colombo, Sri Lanka

Under the South Asia Regional Public Procurement Knowledge Exchange Program, World Bank hosted a regional workshop, “Framework Agreements: Understanding and Implementation” in Colombo, Sri Lanka on March 19-20, 2015. The purpose of the workshop was to help the delegates from all South Asian countries interact and learn from the experiences of resource institutions and officials from the Governments of Chile, New Zealand and United Kingdom who have successfully established and utilized Framework Agreements as part of their Public Procurements Programs.

Mr. Alam Zeb Khan, Director General (PPRA) and Mr. Ali Temoor, Assistant Director (PPRA) represented Pakistan and made presentation on Public Procurement in Pakistan.

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Pakistan Becomes Observer to Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)

In recognition of legal framework of public procurement being compliant to international standards, Pakistan has been accorded the status of "Observer" to the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). Pakistan has already undertaken domestic procurement reforms and has developed a strategy for achieving a "fair, transparent, efficient and effective" public procurement regime. The current Parties to the plurilateral GPA are: Armenia, Canada, the European Union (with its 28 member states), Hong Kong-China, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei and the United States. Japan, the EU, the US, Canada, Norway, Hong Kong-China, Chinese Taipei and Switzerland welcomed Pakistan's decision. Members of GPA hoped to soon receive Pakistan's application for its accession to the GPA.

Mr. Ata Ur Rehman from Islamabad scored highest marks in the Certificate Program in Public Procurement

On 27th February, 2015 Mr. Ata Ur Rehman, Procurement Specialist / Manager, Procurement Capacity Strengthening, of a DFID funded project scored highest marks in the Certificate Program in Public Procurement (CPPP). He was awarded certificate of distinction



Mr. Ahmed Merzouk of World Bank awarding certificate to Mr. Ata Ur Rehman Procurement Specialist / Manager, Procurement Capacity Strengthening, of a DFID funded project.

by Mr. Ahmed Merzouk of World Bank. Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director, PPRA, in her welcome address, besides appreciating achievements of Mr. Ata Ur Rehman, recalled that Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) was inaugurated by the President of Pakistan during the Regional Conference of South Asian Countries held early last year. She also lauded the initiative of World Bank to train public procurement officials using information technology.

1278 Letters Indicating Violations Issued to Procuring Agencies

During January - March, 2015 the Procuring Agencies uploaded 8517 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, it was found that 1278 tender notices were in violation of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004. As a standard procedure, all the procuring agencies were informed about the violations and were advised to rectify to make the tender notices in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

Maximum violations committed by the procuring agencies related to Rule 13 (Response Time) and Rule-28 (Opening of Bids). The percentage of compliance of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, on indicated violations by PPRA, was 11 %.



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

National Institute of Procurement (NIP) held Seven Training Programmes

During the 1st quarter of 2015, a total of 165 persons were imparted training at NIP. The participants belonged to eighteen (18) Public and one (01) Pvt. Sector Organization. PPRA also organized an exclusive capacity building training program for the officers of Allama Iqbal open Univeristy, Islamabad.

PPRA Issued 36 Guidelines Letters to Procuring Agencies and Responded 131 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 36 guidelines letters were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders during January - March, 2015. In addition, 131 online queries relating to various steps of procurement proceedings were also responded through PPRA Online Query System.



Mr. Qasim Younus Khan, Vice President NBP, Karachi

Participant's Feedback

"I am pleased to have attended training course at National Institute of Procurement, Islamabad. On behalf of participants, firstly I am glad to learn today from our fellow participants from USAID that PPRA rules are a visibly accepted framework for transparency even in the United States and that makes us feel proud. It is an honor and privilege for all of us to be PPRA ambassadors today, and certified for procurement rules. Getting insights from the expert Instructors who have applied PPRA Rules in the field and address it every day to excel transparency in Pakistan, this itself has made the two day workshop very enlightening. Also, PPRA's initiatives of e-procurement shall further augment transparency in Public Sector Organizations."

Future Training Programmes

PPRA is going to organize another three training programs for Public / Private sector organizations during the next quarter ending June, 2015. Tentative dates of the training programs are given below:-

1. May 13-14, 2015
2. May 27-28, 2015
3. June 10-11, 2015

For registration and further queries regarding the training programs, Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director (Admn & Finance) PPRA can be contacted through: email: director@ppra.org.pk
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