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Engr. Aamir Hasan joined PPRA as Managing Director

Engr. Aamir Hasan, an officer of Secretariat Group (17th Common) erstwhile working as Director General Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) on his promotion to BS-22 has been posted as Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) on February 22, 2016. He replaced his predecessor Ms. Nazrat Bashir who after her meritorious service in various Ministries /Divisions and Autonomous Bodies of the Federal Government retired from service on 31st January, 2016.

Engr. Aamir Hasan is a pro-active, progressive professional having vast and diverse experience of more than 26 years in Civil Service. He is an intellectual having about eight publications. By qualification Mr. Aamir holds the degree of B.Sc. Engineering (Civil) from University of Engineering & Technology (UET), Lahore. He secured Chevening Scholarship for study in Britain through open competition and completed his MA (Eco) in Development Administration and Management from University of Manchester, UK. He also holds a Certificate in Organizational Culture and Management from Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands.

PPRA welcomes Engr. Aamir Hasan on taking over as Managing Director, PPRA and wishes best of luck to the officer in his new assignment.



Rao Dilshad Ahmad Babar, Director General (PPRA) presenting bouquet to Engr. Aamir Hasan, on assumption of his charge as, Managing Director PPRA

Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Ex-Managing Director PPRA Retired from Service

Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Ex-Managing Director PPRA retired from service on 31st January, 2016 after her meritorious service in various Ministries / Divisions and Autonomous Bodies of the Federal Government. During her tenure as MD, PPRA made progress in many spheres. Some of the hallmarks of her achievements include but not limited to (i) Holding of Second South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference in Islamabad, inaugurated by the Honourable President of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain (ii) She held the Chair of Second South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference w.e.f. 25th March, 2014 to 1st November, 2015 (iii) Constitution of Advisory Group on Public Procurement (AGPP) comprising of Federal and Provincial PPRA's and stakeholders consisting of donor agencies World Bank, ADB, JICA and representatives of private

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sector i.e., Contractors Association of Pakistan (iv) Approval of; (a) Training Strategy (b) e-Procurement Strategy (c) National Procurement Strategy (2013-16) (d) Procurement Agents Conference; and (e) Amendments proposed in Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

A dinner was hosted by PPRA Officers in honor of Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Ex-Managing Director PPRA on 29th January, 2016 at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. Participants included PPRA Board Member Lt. Gen. Syed Muhammad Owais HI(M) (Retd), Secretary Defence Production Division, Raja Hassan Abbas, Secretary Cabinet Division, Mr. Shahrukh Nusrat, Addl. Secretary Cabinet Division, Ms. Sumaira K. Aslam, DCCAO / Financial Analyst / Joint Secretary, Finance Division, Mr. Nazar ul Islam, S.O Cabinet Division and Mr. Alam Zeb Khan, Joint Secretary, Aviation Division.

PPRA acknowledges the services rendered by Ms. Nazrat Bashir during her stay at PPRA and wishes best of luck in her future life.



Group Photo of the participants of farewell dinner hosted by PPRA officers in honor of Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Ex- Managing Director, PPRA

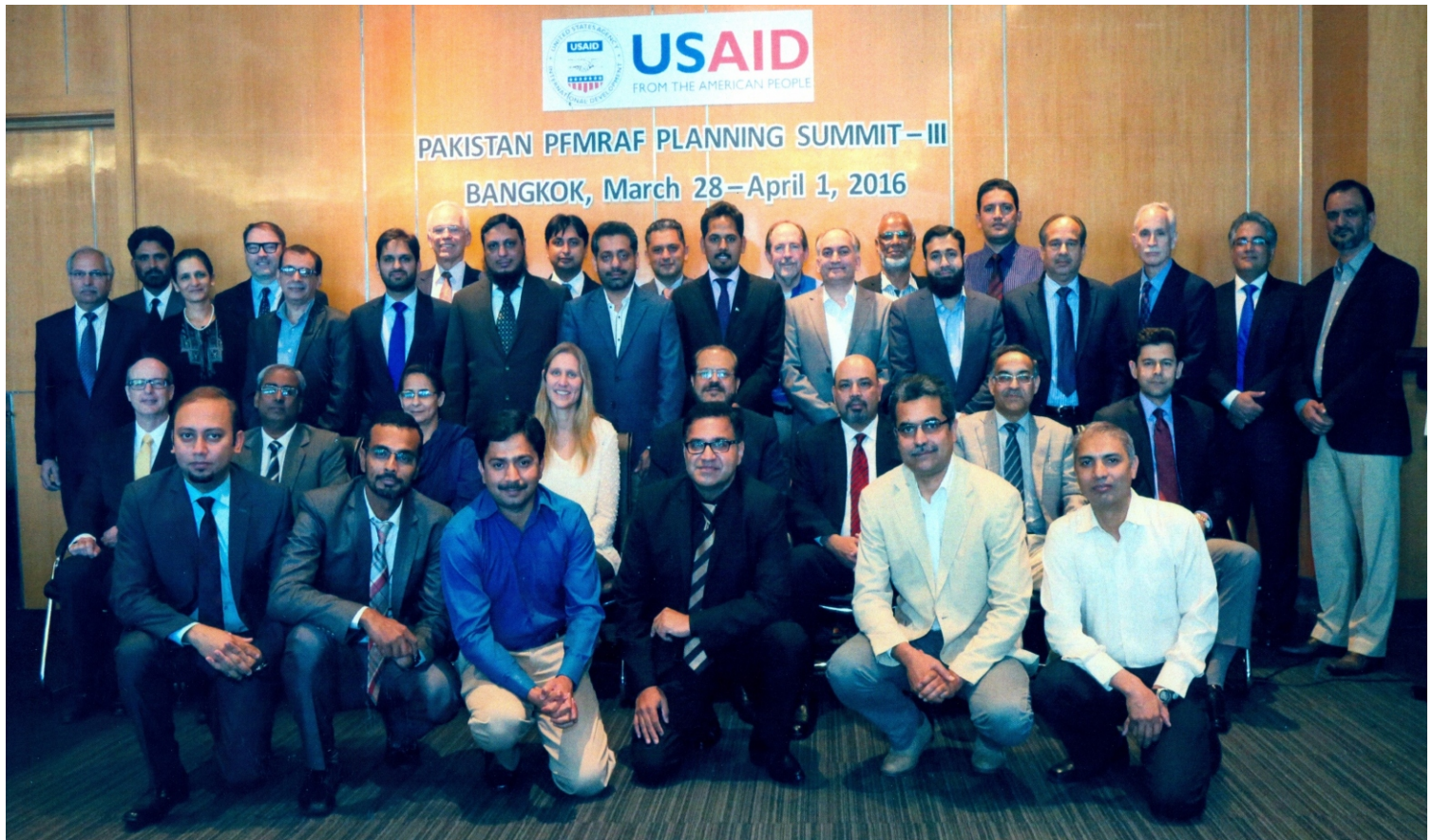


Raja Hassan Abbas, Secretary Cabinet Division presenting shield to Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Ex-MD PPRA

Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) participated in USAID sponsored Summit on Public Financial Management Risk Assessment Framework (PFMRAF) Planning

USAID/Pakistan hosted a summit on US Government mandated risk assessment methodology related to Government to Government (G2G) development program. This session was held in Bangkok, Thailand during 28th March to 1st April, 2016. USAID policy requires the Pakistan Mission to perform Public Financial Management Risk Assessment Framework (PFMRAF) evaluations and risk mitigation planning before entering into G2G development agreements with the Government of Pakistan (GoP). This process takes significant planning time, staff resources, close coordination, and collaboration with local CPA firms and GoP implementing partner counterparts (IPs). The event was attended by senior officers of Government of Pakistan, representatives of CPA firms and USAID officials.

Engr. Aamir Hasan, Managing Director, PPRA made a presentation on Procurement Integrity and Reforms. Presentation was well received through an interactive Q&A session. Participants of the Summit also appreciated the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 and Public Procurement Rules, 2004 in its current form.



Group Photo of the USAID/Pakistan Public Financial Management Risk Assessment Framework (PFMRAF) Planning Summit – Bangkok – 28th March – 1st April, 2016

Federal PPRA initiated Inter-PPRA Harmonization of Laws / Rules exercise

Federal PPRA initiated inter-PPRA Harmonization of Laws / Rules exercise during the 1st quarter. Four teams comprising of two officers of Federal PPRA in each team were deputed to visit each provincial PPRA i.e., Sindh PPRA, Balochistan PPRA, Khyber Pkhtunkhwa PPRA and Punjab PPRA. During the exercise, Federal PPRA also recommended specific laws for harmonization. Although the overall structure of the PPRAs is still at the evolving stage, yet their legal framework share the same objective of achieving transparency, economy, efficiency and value for money in public procurement.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Delegation Visited PPRA

A two-member delegation from ADB comprising of Mr. Ahmadu and Mr. Naeem Abbas visited PPRA for a meeting with Managing Director (PPRA) on 18th March, 2016. Director General, Director (Legal) and Director (Admn & Finance) were also in attendance. During the meeting it was deliberated that PPRA will share its comments on draft Standard Bidding Documents (SBDs) with ADB. After reviewing PPRA's comments, ADB will convene a joint meeting with PPRA in April, 2016. SBDs are expected to be finalized after getting approval from PPRA Board by the end of the year. ADB will also share its training folio with PPRA where it has been proposed to impart the training into three levels, e.g., practitioners, middle management and senior management.

ADB proposed that PPRA may nominate its officers in ADB hosted Anti-Corruption Seminar. It was also decided that PPRA would request ADB for consultancy services on the issue of identification of areas where procuring agents could be useful and identification of the legal requirements.



Inter-PPRA Conference held in Karachi

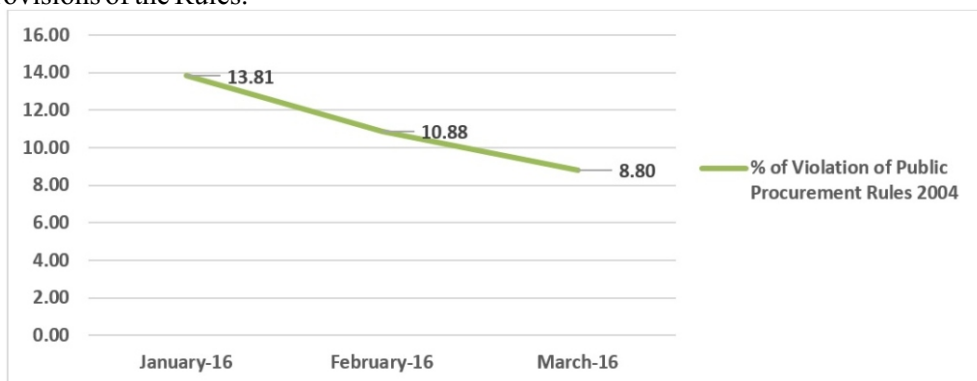
Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) organized two days inter-PPRA Conference in collaboration with World Bank from 3rd March to 4th March, 2016. The conference was an important national event in connection with public procurement. The participants were invited from the Federal as well as Provincial PPRAs, Constructors Association of Pakistan (CAP) and the World Bank to discuss National Procurement Strategy, its action plan and suggestions. Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director PPRAs made a presentation on Harmonization of Laws/ Rules of Federal as well as Provincial PPRAs.

The presentation was well received by the participants followed by Q&A session. Besides considering the National Procurement Strategy at the macro level, the need of harmonizing the laws/rules at the Federal as well as Provincial PPRAs was also considered at the micro level. It was decided that each PPRAs will nominate a two member committee to present their working paper in connection with harmonization of laws / rules. Federal PPRAs was assigned the lead role in the harmonization of laws / rules exercise.



1034 Letters Indicating Violations of Rules Issued to Procuring Agencies

During January to March, 2016 the Procuring Agencies uploaded 9446 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, it was found that 1034 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 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), 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 16%.

National Institute of Procurement (NIP) held 02 Training Programmes

During the 1st quarter, NIP conducted 02 training programmes and imparted training to 34 officers and officials of the public sector. The participants belonged to Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL), Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC), Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), Govt. College University Faisalabad, OGDCL, TRYCO, Central Power Purchasing Company, Teller Communications, Islamabad High Court, Prime Minister's Office (Public), Aiwan-e-Sadr, APF Kamra, PIA, Trillium Information Security Systems (TISS), TESCO, Gilgit Baltistan PWD, M/o Commerce, TGS Corporation and NADRA.



Group Photo of Capacity Building Training Programme on Public Procurement Rules and Procedures 16th - 17th March, 2016

PPRA issued 57 advices to procuring agencies and responded 130 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 57 advices were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders during January to March, 2016. In addition, 130 online queries relating to various steps of procurement proceedings were also responded through PPRA Online Query System.

PPRA processed 10 Court Cases

PPRA assists the honorable courts in litigation cases whenever called by the honourable courts. During January to March 2016, in 10 cases pending for disposal with the courts, PPRA assisted the courts in the light of Procurement Legal framework consisting of PPRA Ordinance, 2002 and Public Procurement Rules, 2004.



MD PPRA awarding certificate to Mr. Hafeez ur Rahman, Chief Internal Auditor, OGDCL during training program held on 16-17 March, 2016.



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

Participant's Feedback



Mr. Ather Rasheed Hashmi,
Manager (IT), Central Power
Purchasing Agency

“After attending two days training program on Public Procurement Rules & Procedures I do feel that the participants stand more educated on Public Procurement Rules 2004. The course was excellently designed in terms of theory and practice. The case study and exercises provided the participants an opportunity to apply the Rules in practical scenarios. On behalf of the participants I thank PPRA for providing us this proficient training and hope that this venture will continue in future as well.”

Future Training Programmes

PPRA is going to organize another two training programmes for Public / Private sector organizations during the 2nd quarter ending June, 2016. Tentative dates of the training programmes are given below:-

1. May 18-19, 2016
2. June 01-02, 2016

For registration and further queries regarding the training programmes, Mr. Ali Temoor, Assistant Director (Training) can be contacted through email: nip@ppra.org.pk or Ph: 051-9203314

Disclaimer:

It is informed in the best interest of the public that National Institute of Procurement (NIP) is the sole training institute for capacity building of procurement professionals of the public sector on Public Procurement Rules & Procedures. NIP is offering the Training on Public Procurement Rules & Procedures at a nominal cost of Rs. 1500 per participant not only to public but the private sector as well. NIP does not associate itself with any institute(s) imitating & offering its courses at an exorbitant fee to the general public.