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MD PPRA Attends Conference in Beijing China

Managing Director PPRA Ms. Nazrat Bashir participated in a regional conference on Use of Procurement Agents in Public Procurement organized by Asian Development Bank on 6-7 September 2012 in Beijing, China. The conference focused on the pros and cons of outsourcing the function of Public Procurement, the legal framework required, and the experiences of jurisdictions who have already implemented the system. It is felt that the use of Procurement agents could be one area of reform in Pakistan.



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105 Complaints Against Procuring Agencies Received

Under the Public Procurement Rules (PPR) 2004 any bidder feeling aggrieved by any act of the procuring agency after submission of his bid may lodge a written complaint concerning his grievance not later than fifteen days after the announcement of the bid evaluation report with the procuring agency. However, in connection with their grievances, the bidders mostly approach PPRA directly for redressal of their grievances.

Under Rules 48 (2) of the PPR 2004, the bidders, who made complaints to the Authority, were advised to approach the procuring agencies directly for redressal of their grievances. PPRA has been empowered to monitor public procurement practices under the PPRA Ordinance 2002, and any complaint received from the bidders is forward to the concerned procuring agency for submission of a report. The report so received is then analysed to improve governance, transparency,

accountability and quality of public procurement.

PPRA Receives 155 Requests for Guidance on Procurement.

Public sector entities regularly approach PPRA for soliciting clarifications, interpretation of rules, regulations pertaining to different aspects of procurement such as bidding documents, prequalification of suppliers / contractors, bid security, performance guarantee, bid validity, methods of advertisements, evaluation of bids etc. The requests of the procuring agencies are properly processed and necessary advice and guidance is then provided to them in light of the Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002, Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and the relevant Regulations made thereunder. During the months from July to September, 2012, a total of 155 requests were received from the procuring agencies for clarification which were processed and necessary guidance provided to the procuring agencies.

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1007 Violation Letters Issued to Procuring Agencies

During the period from July – September, 2012, the Federal Government procuring agencies uploaded 5330 tenders on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tenders, it was found that 1007 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 are given in the following table:-

Months	Total Tenders	Violations Indicated	Violations Indicated
July -12	1858	393	21%
August - 12	1592	288	18%
September - 12	1880	326	17%
Total	5330	1007	19%

The violations mostly related to Rule-13 (Response Time), Rule-25 (Fixation of Bid Security), and Rule-33 (Rejection of Bids).

Uploading of Violations of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 on PPRA Website

For further strengthening its monitoring mechanism, PPRA has started indicating the violations of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 on uploaded tenders at PPRA website, in addition to conveying the same to the procuring agencies by post. The violations so uploaded are not removed till the time a corrigendum has been issued by the procuring agency, removing the deficiency. During the last quarter of the current financial year a total of 1007 violations were uploaded on the PPRA website and 64 corrigenda were issued by the procuring agencies removing the objections.

under current situation and urged the employees to work as a team and member of a family for bringing transparency in public procurement.



Mr. Khalid Mahmood Lodhi receiving PPRA Memento from MD PPRA Ms. Nazrat Bashir

Farewell/Iftar Party Mr. Khalid Mahmood Lodhi, former Director PPRA, was given a farewell /Iftar party on 1st August 2012 on his transfer from PPRA to the Federal Board of Revenue. Mr. Lodhi worked in PPRA for five long years and contributed in establishing the PPRA on sound footing.

Training's Feedback

"I had a pleasure attending the training course on Public Procurement Rules and Regulations at National Institute of Procurement (NIP), PPRA. The contents of the course were current, understandable and blended with relevant practical examples. I found completely new ways of thinking about Public Procurements and its associated activities that led to major progress on the procurements. I am managing, and ensuring them even more transparent. VERY engaging, informative class with great instructors!"



Engr. Kashif Sarwar

Five Training Sessions organized by NIP

National Institute of Procurement (NIP) regularly arranges training courses mainly for officials of the public sector procuring agencies, on a nominal fee of Rs. 1500 per participant. During the period from July, 2012 to September, 2012 PPRA arranged 5 training programs of capacity building for Government officials as well as participants from the private sector and NGOs. A total of 86 participants were trained in these courses on Public Procurement Rules and Procedures. Out of the five training programmes, two programmes were exclusively for officers of the Pakistan Navy, which were held on 26th-27th July 2012 and 29th-30th August 2012. PPRA has also revamped its training content during the said period by placing more emphasis on practical exercises, workshops and case studies. The training programmes are being aligned with the basic principles of training and development, for maximum learning to the participants.

Engr. Kashif Sarwar
Deputy Manager,
Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority,
Karachi

PPRA Future training programmes

PPRA is going to organize four training programmes in November & December this year.

Dates of the training programmes are:

- (1) November 7-8, 2012
- (2) November 21-22, 2012
- (3) December 5-6, 2012
- (4) December 19-20, 2012

For booking and further queries regarding the training programmes, Alam Zeb Khan, Director Admin / Training Coordinator PPRA may be contacted.



Capt Niamatullah TI(M) Presenting a Memento to MD PPRA Ms. Nazrat Bashir on behalf of COS Pak Navy

Eid Millan Party

An Eid Millan Party was organized on 27th August 2012 which was attended by all employees of the Authority. Since inception of PPRA this was the first ever Eid Millan party arranged. MD PPRA emphasized on the role and the challenges faced by PPRA