



PPRA

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Awareness Seminar on Use of Procurement Agents held in Islamabad

PPRA organized a national awareness seminar on “Use of Procurement Agents” in collaboration with Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 24th November, 2014 at Islamabad. The purpose of the seminar was to create awareness on use of procurement agents, allow the participants to further deliberate on the topic and learn from experience of experts about the latest trends on use of procurement agents in other countries. Around 60 senior officials from PPRAs, selected Ministries /Divisions / Departments, Contractors Association of Pakistan (CAP), and international stakeholders like World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) participated in the seminar.

Ms. Nazrat Bashir, MD PPRA, in her welcome speech, highlighted that the concept of procurement agents is relatively new in Pakistan. Though the current legal framework of Pakistan does not specifically mentions the term procurement agent but it allows hiring of consultants for different stages of the procurement cycle specially preparation of bidding documents or evaluation of the bids. Mr. Werner Liepach, Country Director, ADB Resident Mission, Pakistan and Mr. Rustam Abdukyumov, Procurement Specialist, ADB, in their addresses deliberated that the seminar will provide participants a forum for sharing their experiences and approaches on the use of procurement agents, and discuss related issues, such as governance, integrity and capacity development. Mr. Werner Liepach and Mr. Rustam Abdukyumov re-affirmed ADB’s continued support on the priority areas highlighted in the Regional Technical Assistance (RETA). Ms. Fan Minhong, ADB Resident Mission, China during her presentation on “Use of Procurement Agents in People’s Republic of China (PRC)”, gave an overview of the procurement agents in PRC, discussed roles and responsibilities of the procurement agents, the recruitment of procurement agent, strengths and weaknesses of using procurement agents and lessons learned from PRC’s practice. Mr. Qamar Sarwar Abbasi, Joint Secretary also represented EAD in the seminar.



Group photo of the participants during the awareness seminar on “Use of Procurement Agents” held on 24th November, 2014 at Islamabad

GDLN Workshop on Framework Agreements held in Islamabad

A Global Distance Learning Network (GDLN) session was held in Islamabad on December 10, 2014. Heads of Public Procurements (HOPPs) from countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives participated in GDLN session. During the video conference following four presentations were made:-

- i. Framework agreements in Bank-financed projects (Mr. Shanker Lal, Senior Procurement Specialist, the World Bank Delhi Office);
- ii. Use of framework agreements in India – Experience of DGS&D (Mr. S.N Srivastava, Deputy Director Supplies, Directorate General of Supply and Disposal, Government of India);
- iii. Case of Chile (Mr. Felipe Goa, Practice Manager, South Asia Region of The World Bank);
- iv. Use of e-GP of framework Agreements – World Bank Perspective (Mr. Knut Leipold, Lead Procurement Specialist, Europe and Central Asia)

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956 Letters Indicating Violations Issued to Procuring Agencies

During the period the Procuring Agencies uploaded 7829 tender notices on the PPRA website. It was found that 956 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. Month-wise breakup of the uploaded tender notices and the violations are given in the following table:-

Months	Uploaded Tenders	Violations Indicated	Violations %
October - 2014	2543	254	9.99
November - 2014	2423	325	13.17
December - 2014	2863	377	13.17
Total	7829	956	12.21

Majority of the 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 8.5 % during the quarter.



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 second quarter of 2014, we trained a total of 139 persons at NIP. The participants belonged to different ministries / divisions including Planning Development & Reform, Finance / Military Finance, Science & Technology and other departments like Privatization Commission, Overseas Pakistani Foundation, WAPDA, OGDCL, PEMRA, Military Vehicle Research and Development Establishment, Inland Revenue, SECP, COMSATS, Intelligence Bureau, PTV, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority, NAB, Staff Welfare Organization, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines, Avionics Production Factory, PAC Kamra, Sui Southern Gas Company, National Transmission & Despatch Company, POF Wah, and private sector companies like Trillium Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd & KSB Pumps Company Limited.

PPRA imparted outstation trainings to 203 officials belonging at

Audit & Accounts Training Institute, Islamabad, Federal Judicial Academy Campus, Islamabad, Postal Staff College, Islamabad, Civil Service Academy Lahore, Pakistan Planning & Management Institute (PPMI) and PTV Academy

PPRA Issued 73 Advices to Procuring Agencies and Responded 113 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 73 advices were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders during the period from October through December, 2014. In addition, 113 online queries relating to various steps of procurement proceedings were also responded through PPRA Online Query System.



Mr. Riaz Ahmad
DGM TIP, Haripur

Participant's Feedback

"It is indeed heartening to know that a professional training course on procurement is

available for public as well as private sector. We have observed professionalism of PPRA management throughout the two-day Capacity Building Training Program on Public Procurement Rules & Procedures. The Resource Persons thoroughly deliberated the Public Procurement Rules 2004 with real life

examples and case studies. The modules were excellently designed keeping in view the day to day problems faced by the procuring agencies during the procurement process. We hope that this training will improve the level of compliance of Public Procurement Rules 2004 in letter & spirit".



MD PPRA awarding certificate to Mrs. Tehzeen Fatima, Manager SSGC, Karachi during training program held on 30-31 December, 2014

Future Training Programmes

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

1. February 18-19, 2015
2. February 25-26, 2015
3. March 11-12, 2015
4. March 25-26, 2015

For registration and further queries regarding the training programs, Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director (Admn & Finance) PPRA may be contacted through:

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