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**October - December
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Third South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference held in Dhaka, Bangladesh

The Third South Asian Regional Public Procurement Conference was held in Dhaka from November 1 to 3, 2015 in joint collaboration with Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank. Following upon the conference theme “Innovation for Sustainable Performance”, the heads of public procurement deliberated upon the ways and means of (i) promoting innovations for sustainable procurement performance; (ii) measuring the public procurement performance; and (iii) establishing South Asian Region Public Procurement Network for increasing regional cooperation.

The main objective of the conference was to provide a platform for the country participants and development partners in South Asian countries to share knowledge and experiences of good procurement practices with a view to continuously enhancing performance of their public procurement systems. Topics like definition of sound Public Procurement Performance, workforce & professionalism in public procurement, electronic government procurement (e-GP), reforms in procurement environment & methods for performance enhancement, framework agreements, public-private partnership, open data, strategic procurement for improved performance and performance measurement were on the agenda of the Conference.

The recommendations include identification of resources for establishing a National Institute for Public Procurement in all South Asian countries, development of a framework and tool kit for certification/accreditation of procurement professionals, establishment of MoUs with other international/regional networks for knowledge exchange, piloting procurement performance measurement system, development of a basic set of key performance indicators to measure procurement performance in a common sector like transport of all South Asian countries with possibility of third-party monitoring, incorporating provision of framework agreement in e-GP, facilitating internet access at rural areas and enhancing South Asia Public Procurement Network website into a dynamic portal for information, networking, education and transaction facilitation in South Asia. The fourth South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference will be held in Sri Lanka.



Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing Director (PPRA) and Mr. Dilshad Ahmad Babar, Director General (PPRA) represented Pakistan in the conference. Ms. Nazrat Bashir, the former Chairperson of Second South Asia Region Conference, handed over chair of the forum to Mr. Faruque Hossain. Mr. Dilshad Ahmad Babar, Director General (PPRA) made the country presentation in the Conference.

Seminar on International Anti Corruption Day

International Anti Corruption Day is celebrated every year all over the world. It signified the day when United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) was first opened for signing at Merida, Mexico in 2003. NAB commemorates this day along with local and international stakeholders. In this context, NAB organized a seminar on 9th December, 2015 on the eve of International Anti Corruption Day, presided by the honorable President of Pakistan, Mr. Mamnoon Hussain.

Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director (Admn & Finance) and Mr. Rizwan Mehmood, Assistant Director, represented PPRA in the above seminar.

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Group Photo of the participants of inaugural conference of the Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network from 5-6 October, 2015 at ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines

Inaugural Conference of the Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network, held in Manila, Philippines

Asian Development Bank (ADB) organized the inaugural conference of the Asia Pacific Public Electronic

Procurement Network from 5-6 October, 2015 at ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines. Earlier, ADB hosted an Asia Pacific conference on e-Government Procurement in Denpasar, Indonesia wherein representatives of ADB member countries expressed a need to establish a formal Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network. ADB has already approved a regional capacity development technical assistance (TA 8520) in 2013 to establish and support operations of the Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network.

The development and operations of Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network will reflect lessons from similar regional networks that have been successful in improving procurement – for instance, inter-American Network on Government Procurement. Activities supported by the network will include: (i) Public Procurement reforms with e-procurement components, (ii) policy advice on transparency and accountability of public procurement systems, (iii) cloud-based e-Procurement solutions and (iv) advice on evolving e-Procurement issues. ADB will serve as Secretariat for the Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network to coordinate the Network's plan and organize its activities, including annual meetings and technical working groups.



Mr. Dilshad Ahmad Babar, Director General (PPRA) and Mr. Rizwan Mehmood, Assistant Director (PPRA) represented Pakistan in the above conference

PPRA gave presentation on Role and Working of PPRA to Minister for Planning, Development & Reform

On December 16, 2015, a presentation on Role and Working of PPRA was given to Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development & Reform by Ms. Nazrat Bashir, Managing

Director (PPRA) and Mr. Dilshad Ahmad Babar, Director General (PPRA). Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director (Admn & Finance) and Mr. Waqar Hussain Abbasi, Director (Legal), Mr. Rizwan Mehmood, Assistant Director (IT&M) were also among PPRA officers at the occasion.



National Institute of Procurement (NIP) held 06 Training Programmes

During the 4th quarter, NIP conducted 06 training programmes and imparted training to 112 officers and officials of the public sector. The participants belonged to Jamshoro Power Company Limited (JPCL), Expo Lahore, Aiwan-e- Sadr, NADRA, Ali Zafar & Co, PSO, Pak PWD, NTDCL, Trillium Pakistan, Gilgit Baltistan PWD, ZTBL, PNSC, Islamabad High Court, LESCO, Tejari Pakistan, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Mega Plus, National Highway & Motorway Police, SNGPL, Utility Stores Corporation, PIA, Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC), LESCO, Export Processing Zone Authority and Drug Regulatory Authority.

PPRA processed 14 Court Cases

PPRA assists the honorable courts in litigation cases whenever called by the honourable courts. During October

to December 2015, in 14 cases pending for disposal with the courts, PPRA assisted the courts in the light of

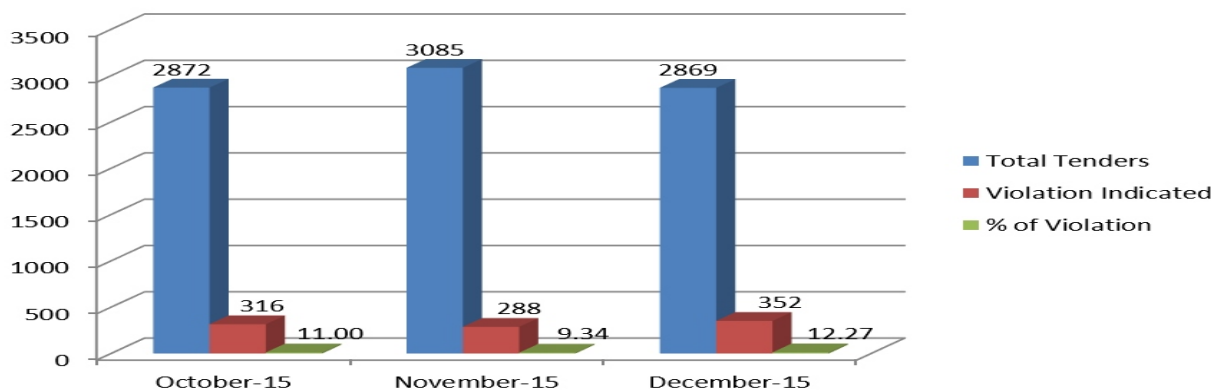
Public Financial Management Risk Assessment Framework (PFRAF) Summit

Mr. Waqar Hussain Abbasi, Director PPRA attended “Public Financial Management Risk Assessment Framework (PFRAF) summit” organized

by USAID from October 26-30, 2015 at Bangkok. The summit discussed that the USAID followed the principal of sustainability through local ownership which included the ownership of priorities, implementation and resources. As such in funding with Government of Pakistan projects, the USAID used the procurement laws of Pakistan. PPRA presented its role, responsibility, framework, challenges and its future proposed plan. Presentation was well received through an interactive Q&A session. Various presenters of the Summit also appreciated the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 and Public Procurement Rules, 2004 in its current form.

956 Letters Indicating Violations of Rules Issued to Procuring Agencies

During October to December, 2015 the Procuring Agencies uploaded 8826 tender notices on the PPRA website. On scrutiny of the tender notices, 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 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 15.2 %.

PPRA issued 124 advices to procuring agencies and responded 120 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 124 advices were issued to different procuring agencies and bidders during October-December, 2015. In addition, 120 online queries relating to various steps of procurement proceedings were also responded through PPRA Online Query System.



Mr. Umar Zafar Sheikh,
Director General,
Aiwān-e-Sadr

Participant's Feedback

" I must congratulate the management and the speakers of PPRA for conducting this course in a befitting manner. After

attending this course, I do feel that every officer should attend this course for better understanding of PPRA Rules while dealing with day to day procurement. This course has not only enlightened us on public procurement Rules & Procedures but also provided a platform to share knowledge and experiences among the participants. The course material consisting of case studies, exercises and related paraphernalia was excellently designed. On behalf of all the participants, I thank the management, staff and speakers of PPRA for conducting this training course for the participants in an effective manner".



MD PPRA awarding certificate to Ms. Fatima Sardar, Assistant Executive Engineer, Pak PWD, during training program held on 9-10 December, 2015

Future Training Programmes

PPRA is going to organize another two training programmes for Public / Private sector organizations during the 1st quarter ending March, 2016. Tentative dates of the training programmes are given below:-

1. March 16-17, 2016
2. March 30-31, 2016

For registration and further queries regarding the training programmes, Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, Director (Admn & Finance) PPRA can be contacted through email: director@ppra.org.pk or Ph: 051-9203857



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

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.