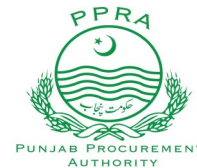
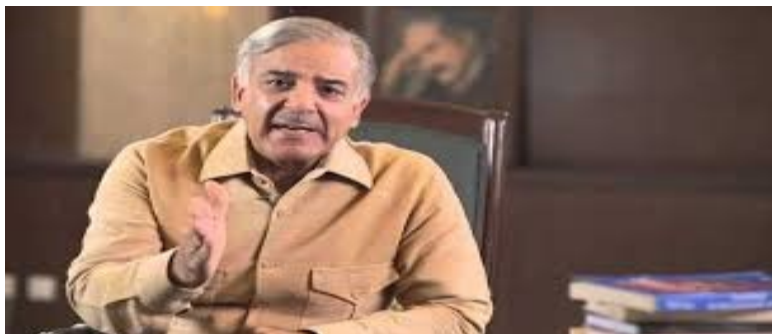


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Restructuring and Revamping of PPRA Moving Forward per Chief Minister's Vision

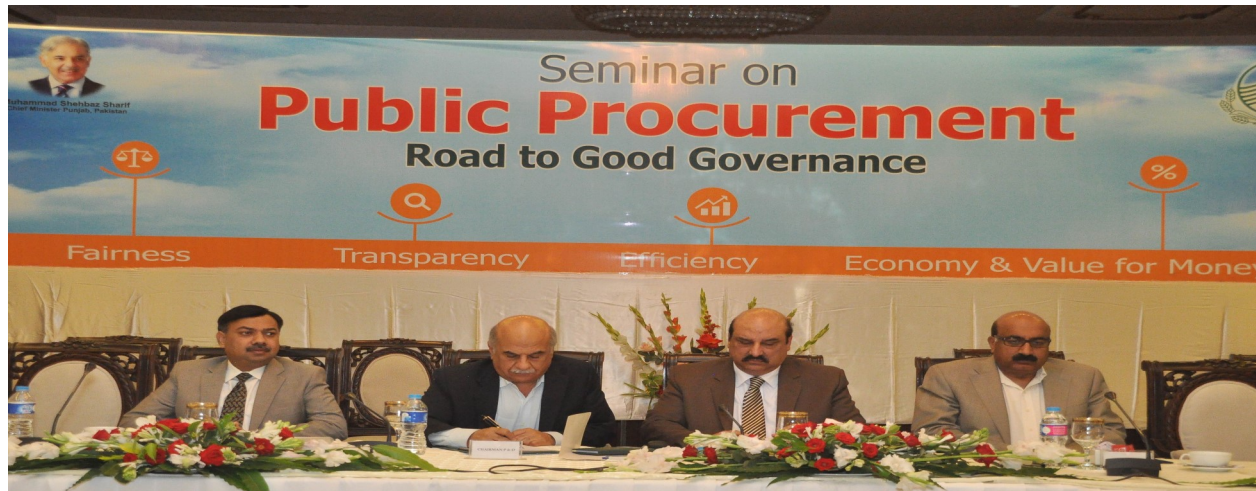
Chief Minister of Punjab, Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, laid down his vision for PPRA in a meeting held at 180 H Model Town on September 17, 2016 for PPRA to be an independent and dynamic organization. The meeting which was also attended by the Minister of Law of Punjab, Finance Minister of Punjab, and the Chief Secretary among others was called to evaluate the ongoing revamping of PPRA and to monitor the progress on different initiatives. PPRA has hired consultants with international procurement expertise who are to assist with formulating standard bidding documents, revisit the PPRA rules and recommend amendments to make the rules more practical and to conduct capacity building trainings across Punjab. Chief minister in his remarks stressed on the critical role of PPRA in good governance and his desire for utilization of best human resource, state of the art technology to make public procurement process transparent and efficient. Honorable Chief Minister also commended the efforts of Chief Secretary Punjab and Managing Director PPRA for spearheading the restructuring and revamping of PPRA.

"PPRA should be an independent and dynamic organization, using state of the art technology, having the best human resource. It must actively be involved in capacity buildings of departments and districts procurement regimes."

*Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif
Chief Minister Punjab*

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Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority(PPRA) held a one day Seminar on Public procurement

A seminar on Public Procurement was organized by the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) at 90-Sharah-e-Quaid-e-Azam on October 22, 2016. All provincial secretaries, commissioners, head of attached departments, autonomous bodies and chief-executives of public sectors companies participated in the seminar.

Punjab Chief Secretary Zahid Saeed chaired the session, where he highlighted the importance of trainings as well as capacity building of government officials in public procurement. He further stated that Capacity building of public procuring agencies is critical to achieve sustainable growth and to make difference in the lives of citizens.



Honorable Chief Secretary Punjab Mr. Zahid Saeed

Managing Director PPRA, Ali Bahadur Qazi, in his welcome address highlighted the aims and objectives of the seminar. He reiterated the importance of public procurement as a tool for good governance and delivery of services. MD PPRA addressed the ongoing reforms in the PPRA rules and role of the Public Procuring agencies in these reforms. “ it is in the best interest of Public at large that Public procuring agencies officials have in-depth knowledge of PPRA rules , so we can achieve successful procurements with efficiency and transparency said Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi.

The seminar is another step towards capacity building of the procuring agencies.” stated Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi. He also thanked Chief Minister Punjab Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif for his vision for PPRA and Chief Secretary Punjab for his leadership to assist PPRA to become an independent and vibrant Organization.

The Chairman of Planning & Development department also addressed the seminar and stressed on establishment of Procurement cells in various government departments and he further stressed on the importance of Public procurement in good governance.

Eminent experts and speakers, including Syed Mohsen Abbas (senior legal expert), Dry Adnan Nadir Khan (CERP form UK), Attar Rahman (PITB), and PPRA panel of experts delivered lectures on public procurement.

The case studies were developed by PPRA to provide hands-on experience to top government officials on various aspects of public procurement.

The chief secretary appreciated the efforts of PPRA for holding such an informative and enriching seminar on public procurement, and gave a shield to best performing group.



Managing Director PPRA Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi



Dr. Adnan Nadir Khan (CERP)



PPRA Panel of Experts

Capacity Building Trainings at District Level

PPRA teams of expert are traveling to Districts across Punjab to conduct capacity building training.

Conducting these trainings at district level is providing opportunity to the public procuring agency to get clear understanding of PPRA rules as well as international best practice as to the public procurement.

Public Procuring agencies at district levels are showing great interests in the trainings.

To make a training request Public procuring agencies are encouraged to contact PPRA to arrange a training.



Two Days Certification program on Public Procurement

PPRA Public Procurement Certification Program

On the directive of Chief Minister Punjab, Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and the leadership of MD PPRA Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi, PPRA has been conducting capacity building Public Procurement Certification program for procuring agencies from across Punjab.

The one and two days certification program is being conducted both at the PPRA office as well as at the sites designated by the procuring agencies at the district levels across Punjab.

The certification program which is being conducted by team of experts from PPRA, is an intensive interactive program which provides designated procurement personnel at district and departmental level with the in-depth analysis of PPRA rules and their application, comprehensive case studies covering these procurement rules and contract management.

PPRA team of experts are also visiting districts across Punjab and through interactive sessions, they are demystifying nitty gritty details of PPRA rules and their application to achieve successful procurements for the procuring agencies.

Since the inception of certification program back in November 2016, around two hundred professionals have attended and successfully completed the certification program.

Public procurement certification is another step towards building capacity of procuring agencies so they can accomplish flawless procurements process in the interest of good governance.



PROGRAM ON PUBLIC SECTOR PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT AT LUMS

A 5-day program on “Public Sector Procurement Management” has been initiated at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in collaboration with PRMP and PPRA. Till-date four (4) training sessions have been completed, and almost 100 mid-and-senior level officials from various government departments have been trained by LUMS faculty.

The program is based on lectures, case-studies, group discussions, and individual presentations. The training modules covers Procurement Principles, Procurement Life Cycle, Procurement Planning, Specifications, Bidding Documents, Bid Evaluation, Evaluating offers of Consulting Services, and Contract Management, Awarding, Administration and Contract closing. The case-studies of Attock Refinery Upgradation Project and Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) SLAs are being employed..



Frequently Asked Questions!!!!

Q:What is a Bid?

A Bid means a Tender, an offer, in response to an invitation, by a person, consultant, firm, company or an organization expressing his or its willingness to undertake a specified task at prices.

Q:When the Bid must be opened?

The date of opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same. Bids shall be opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives at the time specified in the bidding documents. The bids shall be opened at least thirty minutes after the deadline for submission of bids.

Q:How can a procuring agency determine the price of the bidding documents?

A procuring agency in term of Rule 25(7) of PPR Rules, 2014 can charge the fee in view of the cost of printing and provision of documents.

Third Party Validation (TPV) of Procuring Agencies Initiated

As desired by Chief Minister Punjab, and pursuant to Section 5 of Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority Act 2009, PPRA after open and competitive bidding process awarded contract to KPMG Pakistan, a consulting firm, to carry out Third Party Valuation (TPV) to evaluate compliance by public procuring agencies.

The Purposes of this evaluation are to ensure regulatory compliance, identify deficiencies and to ascertain objective analysis of the procurement process through independent team of experts.

To ensure transparency 27 public procuring agencies out of existing 215 were picked through a random balloting conducted by Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and KPMG will randomly pick 3 procurement transactions with a minimum contract value of PKRs. 100,000 carried out by them during financial year 2015-16.

KPMG is to provide detail monthly report of their findings.

PPRA-Management Information System (MIS) Project continues strong

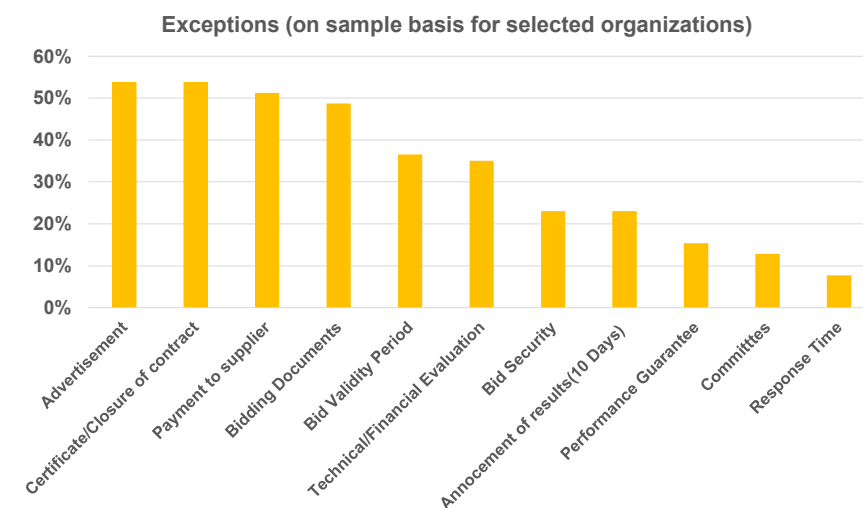
PPRA Management Information System (MIS), a World Bank funded project under Punjab Public Management Reform program continues to digitize the procurement data to identify the procurement related issues and to create transparency in the procurement process.

To evaluate the existing data, MIS obtained the services of Ernst & Young to conduct a Third Party Valuation (TPV). The Public Procurement data was evaluated and the exceptions to PPRA rules were identified.

Based on the sample study, it was determined that notable exceptions from the PPRA rules were in the area of Advertisement of the tender and least error prone area of the procurement process was to be Response Time.

“it makes sense to identify and quantify the deviations from the norm in Public Procurement process to establish Capacity Building areas to enhance the procuring agencies’ understanding of PPRA rules” said Najam ul Hasan the MIS Officer.

PPRA – Management Information System (MIS)



To create transparency in Public procurement process is the key to good governance and to establish public trust in the Government and MIS project in an initiative of the Punjab Government with the assistance of the World Bank to ensure transparency.

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PPRA Hires Team of Experts to Formulate Standard Bidding Documents (SBD)

To ensure compliance with the principles of competitiveness, transparency, efficiency and best value for money standard bidding documents are critical elements in the procurement process.

PPRA has hired a highly qualified team of professional consultants with extensive expertise to formulate Standard Bidding Documents for Goods, Works and Services to assist procuring agencies with the procurement process.

Presently edited version of the bidding documents created by World Bank, Pakistan Engineering Council, Communication and Works Department Punjab (C&W) and Local Government Department etc. are being utilized by the procuring agencies and lack of standard amongst these various documents is creating difficulties for the procuring agencies.

Standard bidding documents would not only eliminate unnecessary inapplicable clauses but they would also bring about a sense of uniformity for the procuring agencies as well as for the bidders .

Standard Bidding Documents are the need of the time to facilitate a successful procurement process and it is in the best interest of the nation said Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi MD PPRA.

PPRA is working with world Bank and Department of Communication & Works (C& W) Punjab to get the Standard Bidding Document for works approved and Special Secretary C& W has taken keen interest in preparation of these documents.

The main feature of SBD for Works would be the inclusion of PPRA rule verbatim in these documents to eliminate rules violations, as well as introduction of uniformity in calculation of cost of the project thus bringing efficiency and eliminating chance of miss-procurement.

After implementation of Standard Bidding Documents, a simple economic and efficient system for procurement of civil works will become a reality.

PUNJAB PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PPRA) LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE

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Capacity Building



CM Vision for PPRA

PPRA to be an Independent & Dynamic Organization

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Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif
Chief Minister of Punjab

Latest News

Public Procurement Certification

A two days program on Public Procurement Certification was held in PPRA for the capacity building of the Government functionaries.



On December 1, 2016 PPRA launched its new interactive website with up gradation of technology from Drupal 6 to Drupal 7. The new website features Dynamic Home Page, Advanced Search options with department wise search option, Dashboard Facility, Updated Real time statistics on tenders, Advanced Online query system for facilitation of users and Advanced real-time data collection on Key Violations .

An interactive website is critical to inform concerned parties and PPRA's initiative to launch an interactive and user friendly website is to assure that public procuring agencies as well as private concerned parties achieve a successful procurement process, stated MD PPRA Mr. Ali Bahadur Qazi who supervised this project.

“ The New website would enable public procuring agencies as well as bidders to stay informed and in compliance of PPRA Rules and Regulations “ stated Ms. Maryam Daud Web Developer/Data Administrator PPRA.

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