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
স্মারক নম্বর-২১.০০.০০০০.০০৩.০৫.০২৬.২১, ৪৩৯

তারিখ: ১৭ অগ্রহায়ণ ১৪২৮
০২ ডিসেম্বর ২০২১

বিষয়: ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থবছরের সেবা প্রদান প্রতিশ্রুতি কর্মপরিকল্পনা ও নির্দেশিকার অনুচ্ছেদ ২.২ অনুযায়ী এ বিভাগের
সিপিটিইউকর্তৃক স্টেকহোল্ডারগণের সমন্বয়ে অবহিতকরণ সভার কার্যবিবরণী।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়ের পরিশ্রেফিতে ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থবছরের সেবা প্রদান প্রতিশ্রুতি কর্মপরিকল্পনা ও নির্দেশিকার
অনুচ্ছেদ ২.২ অনুযায়ী স্টেকহোল্ডারগণের সমন্বয়ে অনুষ্ঠিত বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগের সিপিটিইউ কর্তৃক
স্টেকহোল্ডারগণের সমন্বয়ে অনুষ্ঠিত ০১টি সভার কার্যবিবরণী নির্দেশক্রমে এতদসঙ্গে প্রেরণ করা হলো।

সংযুক্তি: বর্ণনা মোতাবেক ০৫ (পাঁচ) পাতা।


০২/১২/২১
(মোহাম্মদ রফিকুল হক)
সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব
ফোন: ৪৮১১১০৯২

সচিব
সমন্বয় ও সংস্কার
মন্ত্রিপরিষদ বিভাগ
বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা
(দৃঃআঃ উপসচিব, সুশাসন অধিশাখা)।

সদয় অবগতি ও প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের জন্য অনুলিপি প্রেরণ করা হলো (জ্যেষ্ঠতার ভিত্তিতে নয়):

১. অতিরিক্ত সচিব (প্রশাসন), বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ।
২. মহাপরিচালক (সিপিটিইউ), বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ।
৩. সচিব মহোদয়ের একান্ত সচিব, বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ।
৪. প্রোগ্রামার, সমন্বয় ও এমআইএস সেক্টর, কর্মসম্পাদন ব্যবস্থাপনা ও শুল্কচার শাখা, বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ।
৫. সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার, সমন্বয় ও এমআইএস সেক্টর, বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ।
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বাস্তবায়ন পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ (আইএমইডি)
সেন্ট্রাল প্রকিউরমেন্ট টেকনিক্যাল ইউনিট (সিপিটিইউ)

বিষয়ঃ সেবা প্রদান বিষয়ে স্টেকহোল্ডারগণের সমন্বয়ে অবহিতকরণ সভা আয়োজন।

সূত্রঃ আইএমইডি'র পত্র নং-২১.০০.০০০০.০৩.০৫.০২৬.২১-২৭৩; তারিখঃ ২২/০৮/২০২১

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সংযুক্তিঃ PPSC সভার নোটিশ, কার্যবিবরণী -৪ (চার) ফর্দ


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(মুহম্মদ শামীম কিবরিয়া)
উপপরিচালক (সিঃ সহকারী সচিব)
ফোনঃ ০২-৯১৮০৮৪৪

✓ সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব

প্রশাসন-১ শাখা

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তারিখঃ ২৪-১১-২০২১ খ্রিঃ

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১. প্রোগ্রামার, কর্মসম্পাদন ব্যবস্থাপনা ও শুদ্ধাচার শাখা, সমন্বয় ও এমআইএস সেক্টর, আইএমই বিভাগ, পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২. মহাপরিচালক এর ব্যক্তিগত কর্মকর্তা, সিপিটিইউ, আইএমইডি, পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রণালয়।
৩. অফিস কপি।

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No.21.00.0000.363.11.134.18-287

Date: 29/09/2021

Subject: Notice to attend the meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC)

The 14th meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC) will be held on 07 October 2021 at 10:00 am in the NEC Conference Room, Planning Commission Campus, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Mr. M. A. Mannan MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Planning and Chairperson of the Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC), will chair the meeting. The terms of reference (TOR) of the committee is attached herewith for your kind information.

02. You are requested to kindly attend the meeting.


29.9.2021
(Mohammed Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury)
Director General (Additional Secretary)
CPTU, IME Division
&
Member Secretary, PPSC

Attachment:
TOR, Working Paper & Program

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No.21.00.0000.363.11.134.18-315

Date: 15/11/2021

Subject: Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders Committee (PPSC).

The 14th meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders Committee (PPSC) was held on 07 October 2021 in the NEC Conference Room, Bangladesh Planning Commission, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Mr. M. A. Mannan MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Planning and Chairperson of the PPSC, chaired the meeting.

02. The signed copy of minutes is attached herewith for your kind information and reference.


15.11.2021
(Mohammed Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury)
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Sub: Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC)

The 14th Meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC) under the 'Digitizing Implementation Monitoring and Public Procurement Project' (DIMAPPP) was held on 7 October 2021, at 10:00 AM at the NEC Conference Room, Bangladesh Planning Commission. Mr. M. A. Mannan MP, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Planning and Chairperson of the PPSC, was present in the meeting as the chief guest. The meeting was organized by the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of the IMED, Ministry of Planning. Mr. Pradip Ranjan Chakraborty, Secretary, IMED, Ministry of Planning, presided over it and the PPSC Member-Secretary and Director General, CPTU, Mr. Mohammed Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury, assisted him in conducting the meeting.

2. The Secretary, IMED delivered the opening speech by welcoming the PPSC members, briefly introducing the DIMAPP Project, and setting the objectives of the 14th PPSC Meeting.

3. Mr. Mohammad Jainul Bari, Secretary, Planning Division, then delivered his remarks mentioning the progress made so far in ensuring discipline, transparency, and accountability in public procurement and electronic government procurement system (e-GP). He suggested observation of changes in perception regarding public procurement as a result of its transition to e-GP and checking if there are any improvements in transparency and accountability. He emphasized the critical role of public feedback and opinion in influencing public policies. The Secretary, Planning Division referred to a proposal he had made during his tenure as Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division (that was approved by Cabinet Division and assigned to CPTU) to investigate whether or not cost discrepancies in public procurement are taking place due to gaps in law or implementation procedure. Furthermore, he suggested the inclusion of external members in evaluation committee in the e-GP system to ensure transparency.

4. The Secretary, IMED responded to the observations by mentioning that the IMED is working towards finding a solution to cost discrepancies in public procurement. The report will be enriched and finalized using the comments from the PPSC. He also agreed with the suggestion of the Secretary, Planning Division, to include external members in evaluation committee in the e-GP. He said soon it will be reviewed. Next, the PPSC members, along with other attendees, introduced themselves to the forum.

5. Mr. Mohammed Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury, Director General, CPTU, then made a presentation on public procurement reforms, which began in 1999. Before this, public procurement process followed the General Financial Rules (GFR), which was outdated, having been introduced in 1929. Additionally, an ERD guideline was also available, which was based on World Bank Procurement guidelines. In this context, the government of Bangladesh embarked on a journey towards public procurement reforms, beginning with a Country Procurement Assessment study conducted jointly by GoB, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank. The Director General, CPTU, then presented the four key mandates of the CPTU, under which procurement legislations have been amended on five occasions and procurement rules have been amended on six occasions. He also mentioned the major activities

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conducted by CPTU, such as capacity development, implementation of e-GP, and networking with global public procurement entities to improve procurement processes (e.g. aligning with SDG 12). He highlighted some significant challenges faced in procurement, such as ensuring free and fair competition. He then explained how the e-GP system was established, how the portal works and identifying the stakeholders involved in administering, operating and benefiting from the e-GP system. Till date, more than 5 lakh tenders have been invited using the e-GP system. In its current state, users can utilize the e-GP portal till the contract management stage. An electronic contract management system has been developed and piloted with six departments, and all user feedback has been incorporated so that the system can be launched by the end of 2021. This will reduce the need for exchanging hard copies and can create a digitalized system. CPTU is also working towards incorporating an audit module as well as integrating a payment system in e-GP. The Director General, CPTU committed that the public procurement system would reach new heights by 2023, making the procurement process easy for users. He also brought to light some capacity development initiatives, such as 3-week flagship training programs, MCIPS degree, MPSM program, and 4-tier professional certification program. He mentioned that under the social accountability framework of public procurement, a citizen portal was launched. It is linked to the e-GP system and citizens can clearly see ongoing public procurement projects and tenders.

6. Mr. M. A. Mannan MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Planning and Chairperson of the PPSC, then officially unveiled the quarterly newsletter "Public Procurement Watch" through an official launching ceremony.

7. Mr. Md. Moinul Kabir, Secretary, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division, delivered his remarks. He brought to light the issue of the override clause, which often nullifies our public procurement law in favour of the procurement guidelines of the development partners and suggested that measures need to be taken to address this override clause in our legislature. Secondly, he suggested that we should rely mainly on the secondary legislature for public procurement, which will help avoid lengthy parliamentary procedures for amendments. Mr. Kabir said, "Our economy is now stronger than earlier and we can ignore conditions imposed by the development partners for procurement in projects funded by them."

8. Dr. Mirza Hassan, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Governance and Politics Cluster of BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), then presented the background of monitoring by the citizen. He explained the current model of citizen engagement implemented by BIGD across 48 upazillas. So far, 308 contracts have been implemented through this program, and 346 grievances have been received over the past 30 months, of which 338 have been resolved. He also highlighted the benefits and challenges of the two citizen engagement models and a comparison between the two. To conclude his speech, he mentioned that citizens might be involved in need assessment instead of only in the implementation stage in public procurement projects. He also noted that it is essential to involve elected local governments in the meetings and activities since their involvement makes mobilizing citizen engagement committees more effective. Finally, Dr. Mirza emphasized the importance of improved synergy between government and NGOs.

9. After the presentation, the session was opened for discussion.

Mr. Rizwan Rahman, President, the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emphasized the need for maintaining anonymity while submitting grievances to ensure safety of general citizens who are lodging complaints.

Ms. Priti Chakraborty, Director, Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI), suggested including a module where sellers can be verified and assessed using the e-GP portal.

Professor Mohammad Abdul Momen, Director, Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka, mentioned that a different approach might be required to monitor large-scale projects since the citizen engagement model would be more suitable for small and local community projects. He also suggested utilizing social media as a channel for citizens to report grievances and issues.

Mr. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir, Vice-President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh, suggested that the stakeholder consultation process should begin from the inception of the public procurement projects instead of only at the monitoring stage to ensure quality design and implementation, keeping in mind the sustainable procurement and adherence to heritage. He also suggested that the PPSC meeting be held every year instead of every two years.

Mr. S. M. Akbar Hossain from LGED, observed that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for citizens engagement be designed very carefully to protect the citizens from harassment. He suggested incorporating citizen engagement committees into large-scale projects and service procurement contracts to improve the transparency of the projects.

At this point, Honorable Director General, CPTU, responded to some of the previous comments, mentioning that CPTU is always careful about the level of engagement of citizens, ensuring that they are involved only at the level they can manage. He also mentioned that CPTU is slowly working towards green procurement.

Engr. Rezwanul Kabeer, Director, Bangladesh Association of Construction Industry (BACI), raised an issue that government-funded contracts often prioritized international contractors in the tender and requested that local contractors be prioritized instead. In many cases, tenders mention that the country of origin of materials needs to be from a foreign country, even though the materials are locally produced. Finally, he mentioned that many departments do not update their rate schedules in time.

The Director General, CPTU replied that according to the CPTU mandate, tenders can not specify the country of origin of raw materials. Moreover, there will no longer the department-wise rate schedules; instead, uniform and zone-based rate schedules will be published.

Engr. Md. Nuruzzaman, President (Acting), The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), said that numerous engineering vacancies need to be filled urgently. He requested more training for engineers.

Mr. A.K.M. Manir Hossain Pathan, Additional Chief Engineer, Roads and Highways Department, highlighted that engineering consultants are hired in government projects, especially in light of the high level of unemployment among engineers.

FHM Humayan Kabir, President, Development Journalists Forum of Bangladesh (DJFB), opined for inclusion of independent observers in tender evaluation committees and proposal evaluation committees to ensure accountability. He expressed his view against procurement conditions of DPs in foreign-funded projects.

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Mr. Amzad Hussain, Chairman, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI), raised some points of technical improvements in e-GP, such as providing scope for amending submission and increasing maximum file size for e-GP tender submissions up to 10-MB from the existing 2 MB.

Ms. Sharmeen Rinvy, President, Economic Reporter's Forum (ERF), stressed the importance of addressing corruption in projects and mentioned that proper implementation would not happen if this issue is not addressed. She gave suggestions to stay connected with journalists and keeping them in the loop of all developments in public procurement so that citizen engagement and knowledge is further enhanced.

Mr. Khan Md. Ferdous-ur-Rahman, Director General, Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh, requested accelerating the auditing module in the e-GP portal and integration with ibass++. He also urged that the Automated Challan System (A-challan) be swiftly integrated. The Secretary, IMED responded that A-Challan would be implemented soon.

Mr. Enamul Hafiz Latifee, Joint Secretary, Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS), also emphasized the importance of implementing digital procedures to maintain the anonymity of individuals lodging complaints. He also enquired about the level of importance of the lodged complaints and whether or not a project can be halted due to a grievance. He stressed ensuring that citizen engagement committees do not misuse their responsibility and resort to extortion.

The Director General, CPTU, explained that the citizen engagement committee is trained and there is a established mechanism through which they raise grievances.

10. To conclude the session, Mr. M. A. Mannan MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Planning and Chairperson of the PPSC, thanked all PPSC members present at the meeting. He mentioned that the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina always encourages collaborative and open ways of working. He mentioned the Right to Information Act under which citizens have the right to free flow of information. He was impressed with how well the e-GP upholds the transparency and accountability of the procurement process. He mentioned that it is vital to keep up the engagement with citizens, especially highlighting the improved ownership and interest among citizens in recent times towards development projects. He ended his speech by encouraging that such engagements and meetings would continue.

Decisions:

1. The PPSC Sub-committee should monitor progress of citizen engagement closely.
2. PPSC members can have online/offline talks with local beneficiaries to know their experiences.
3. CPTU will share the ToR and monitoring guidelines used by citizen groups in Bangla with PPSC.
4. CPTU will distribute all printed final research briefs.

Proposed agenda for next meeting:

1. Updates on citizen engagement activities.
2. Review of the decision taken in the 14th meeting.
3. Others.



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