

Balochistan MDB e-GP Assessment

Summary of Initial Findings

Balochistan Public Procurement Authority (BPPRA)

- The BPPRA was established in 2014 under the Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Act 2009 to improve Procurement Governance in the Province.
- BPPRA's mandate is to enable the government to develop a transparent and cost-efficient public procurement system while ensuring public procurement transparency, accountability and quality.
- To support their mandate, BPPRA introduced electronic procurement, launching the BPPRA ePPS in 2021.

BPPRA ePPS

- BPPRA is the owner, manager and administrator of the e-PPS system.
- The BPPRA e-PPS was designed and built through a JV of 2 local firms, Abacas and Ultrasoft. These firms continue to support and maintain the system under a Service Level Agreement (renewed annually).
- The BPPRA e-PPS was launched in 2021. E-bidding was added in 2022, and new features and enhancements continue to be implemented to support users and enhance the offering.
- BPPRA had an initial investment of 47M PKR to implement the system and operates with a system budget of 3.2M PKR per month (2M for SLA and 1.2M for hosting services. (Approx \$175K implementation, \$120K annually.)
- At least 16 resources (8 SLA and 8 BPPRA) support the e-PPS.

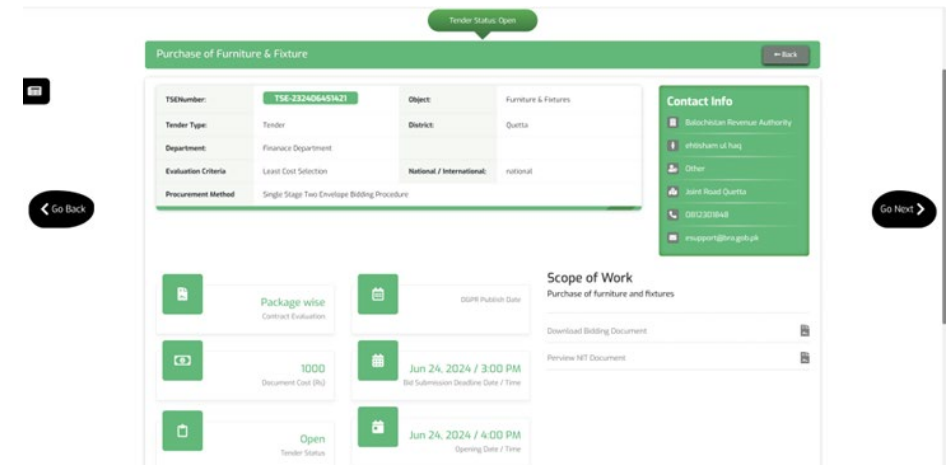
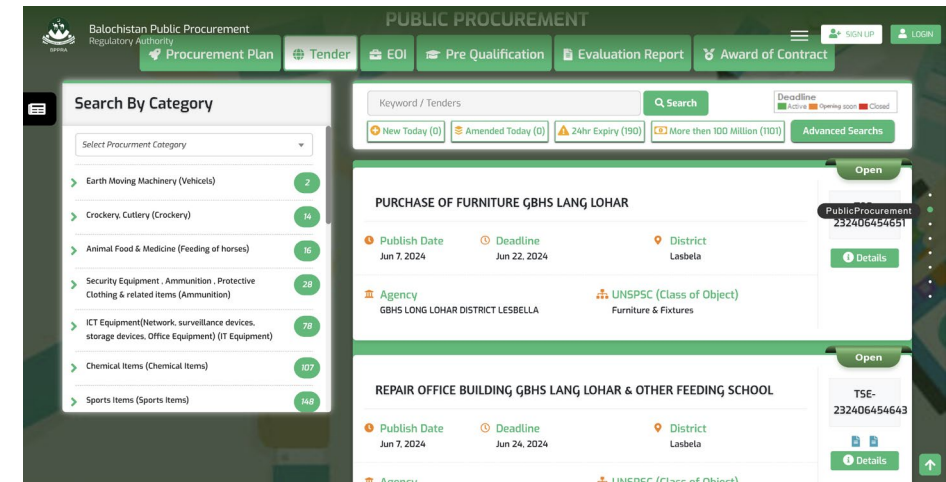
BPPRA e-PPS

- To date, the system has listed 137,723 tenders (including historical, e-bidding, and manual packages).
- Since 2022, the use of e-bidding has mandated packages greater than 1M PKR for Services, 5M for Goods and 50M for Works.
- The system provides access to 73,337 evaluation reports and 6,382 awarded contracts.



BPPRA e-PPS

- Provides open access to Procurement Plans, tender details, EOI, Pre-qualifications, evaluation reports and contract awards.
- Provides access to legislation, standard bidding documents, standard specifications and other supporting documents.
- Training and support are ongoing. To date, more than 3,900 officers and 4,000 vendors have received training on the e-PPS.
- All procurement transactions are categorized using UNSPSC commodity codes.



BPPRA e-PPS

- Provides officers and vendors with system dashboards to view information and tasks quickly.
- System incorporates wizards to guide users through tender creation and bid submissions.

Eligibility Criteria

Experienced Firms Only
 No Experience Required

JV-Consortium
 No JV

Eligibility Factor	Factor Description	Required Documents	Action
Similar Assignment	No Prior experience is Required	No Documents Required	
Turn Over	There is No Requirement of Turn Over	No Documents Required	
Active Tax Payer	Presence in Active Tax Payer List	NTN Certificate	
Tax Certificate	BRA Registration Certificate	BRA Certificate	
Blacklisting	The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan	Declaration of non blacklisting on company letter head by the bidder	
Registration with Regulator	PEC/PCAD Registration PEC/PCAD Registration	PEC/PCAD Registration	

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Company Profile
 Bidder Information
 Declaration by the Bidder
 Bidder Eligibility
 Technical Details
 Financial Bid Details

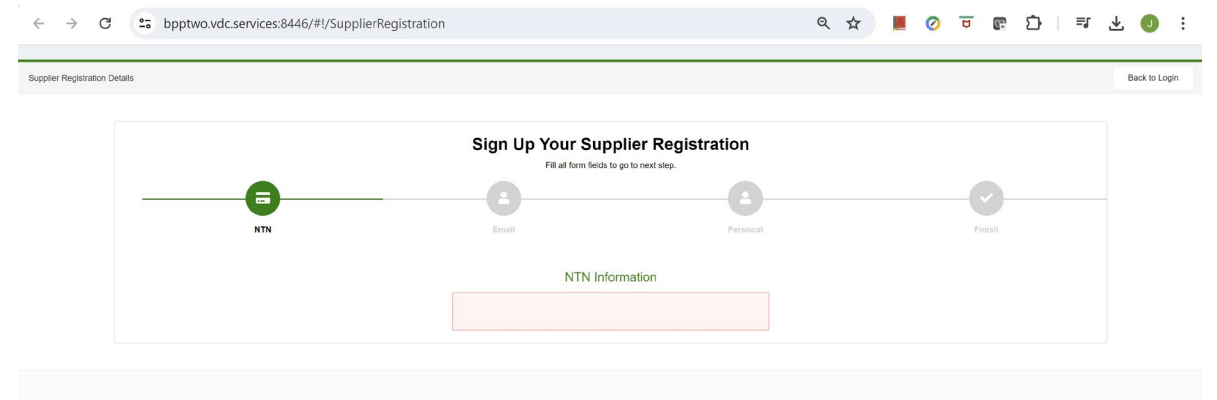
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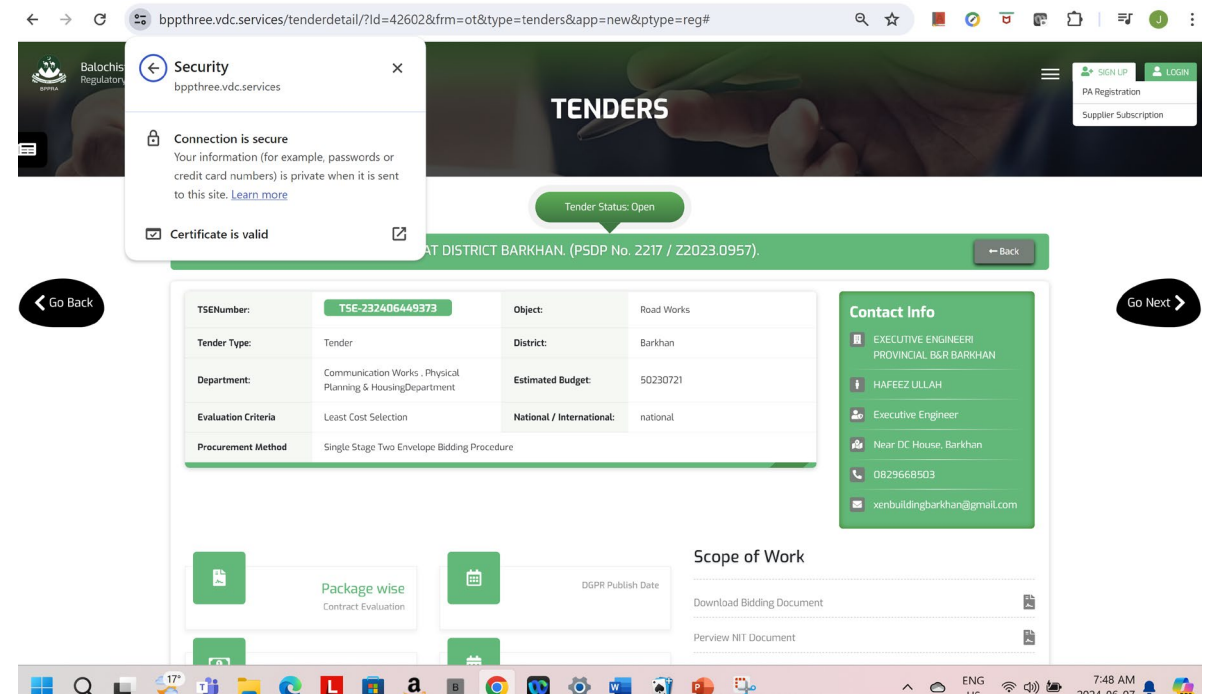
Key Findings – User Access

- The BPPRA is designed for BPPRA procurement in Pakistan.
- Vendors are required to have a national tax number, which serves as the Vendor User ID.
- The system applies geolocation rules for access to e-PPS, meaning vendors must be located in Pakistan or their system region, and time settings must be set in Pakistan for aspects of the system to function properly.
- BPPRA is adding support for foreign vendor registration, allowing foreign firms to register using their home country's tax ID or corporate ID. BPPRA will also remove geolocation controls to allow foreign firms to have open access.



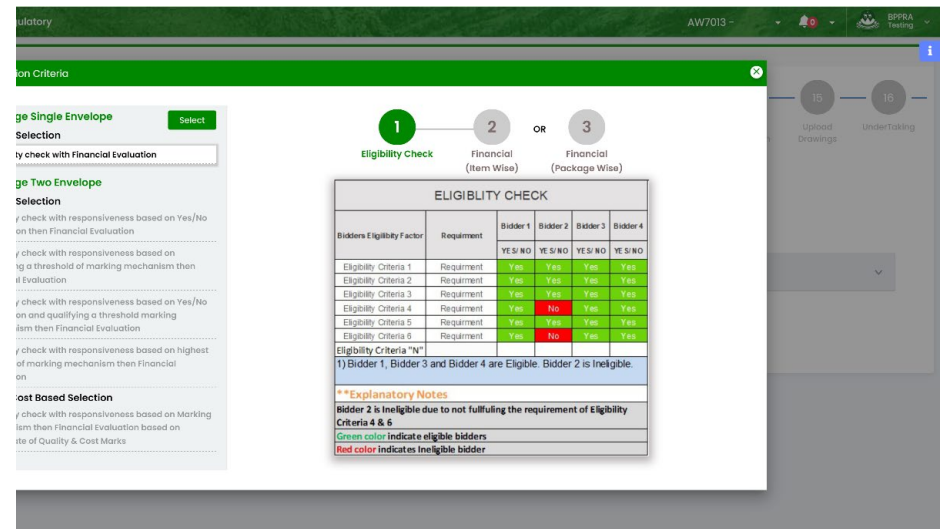
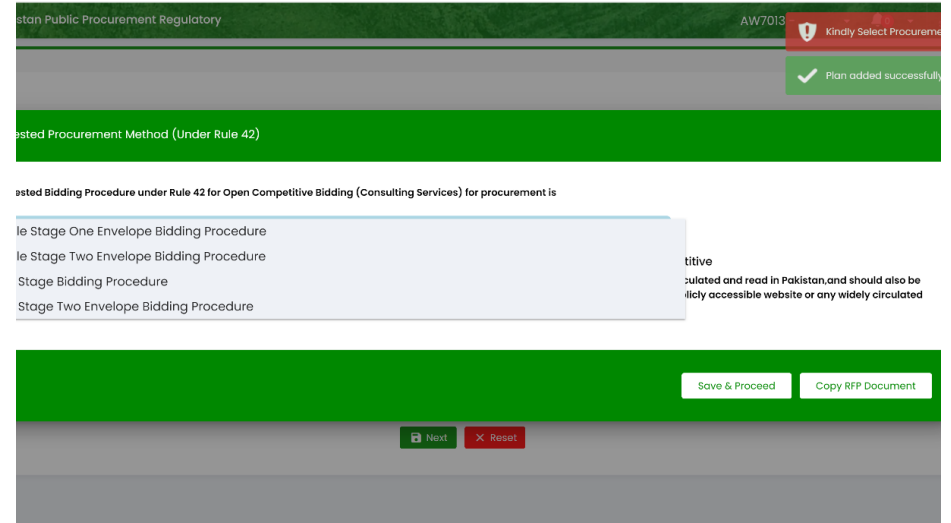
Key Finding – System Security

- BPPRA e-PPS applies SSL (secure socket layer) connections to ensure encryption between user and system.
- All officers are verified against the government database, validating the assigned organization and role.
- Pakistan vendors are verified against tax and corporate registries.
- Encryption of data and submissions is managed by system workflow and backend database (SAP). Content and submission information is encrypted in the database.
- BPPRA applies OTP (one-time passcodes) sent to the registered email and/or mobile number for the user to initiate and finalize transactions (tender creation, publishing, opening, evaluation, bid submission..., etc.).
- BPPRA has not yet conducted an external third-party security audit. They intend to do so and would welcome support in this area.



Key Findings – Bid Documents

- The system facilitates the creation of tender packages by collecting standard bidding documents for various commodities such as goods, services, and works.
- System wizards guide officers through the tender creation process and will create submission requirements, qualification requirements, forms (technical requirements, bill of quantities for price), and supporting documentation.
- Current SBD and workflows are designed for BPPRA regulations
- System workflow is configurable to add Donor SBD, including donor policies such as 7-day standstill period.



Key Finding – Document Fees and Bid Security

- BPPRA regulations allow bid documents fees.
- Bid securities supported are cash payments or bank guarantees.
- Payments are made at local Pakistan Banks (Physically) and recorded in bid submission with supporting documents uploaded.
- Bid security declarations are not supported at this time.
- Bid document fees can be set to zero for donor packages.
- The system is not linked to banks. It just collects information and documents. The function can collect bid security information from a foreign vendor financial institution.
- BPPRA could configure an option to allow bid security declaration for donor packages. Discussion needed.

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1 Company Profile | 2 Bidder Information | 3 Declaration by the Bidder | 4 Bidder Eligibility | 5 Technical Bid details | 6 Financial Bid Details

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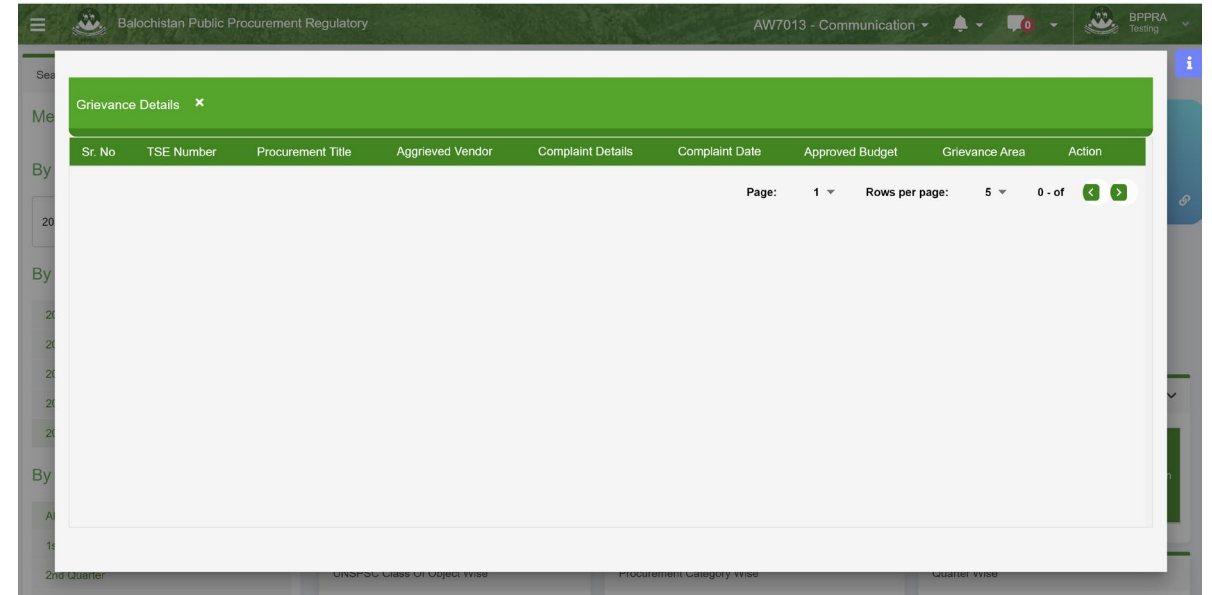
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I agree to all the terms and conditions present in Bidding Document

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Key Findings – Grievances

- BPPRA default standstill period is 3 days.
- The standstill period is configurable for donor SBD or per donor package.
- Grievances are submitted to the assigned grievance committee for the package.
- After the grievance committee, a grievance can be raised to the department, BPPRA, and the courts.
- BPPRA can monitor all grievances submitted in the system.
- Discussions could occur if the Donor wishes to be included in the system process or follow the external process for filing a grievance with the Donor.



The screenshot displays the BPPRA system interface. At the top, the header includes the BPPRA logo, the text 'Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory', and the user profile 'AW7013 - Communication'. A navigation menu is visible on the left side. The main content area features a 'Grievance Details' window with a table. The table has the following columns: Sr. No, TSE Number, Procurement Title, Aggrieved Vendor, Complaint Details, Complaint Date, Approved Budget, Grievance Area, and Action. The table is currently empty, and the page number is 1. The interface also includes a search bar and a sidebar with various navigation options.

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Key Finding – Multi-Currency

- Multi-currency bids are supported.
- Officers can define currencies to be accepted in a package.
- Bidders select the currency to be applied in the price proposal line items.
- The system does import currency exchange tables but does not perform auto-currency conversion at the opening.
- The procurement committee would convert the Pakistan rupee during opening and evaluation.

Recommendations for first use

- Before first use, donor SDB document templates must be added to the system. This would require time from BPPRA and the donors to ensure SDB templates are integrated correctly and bid forms reflect donor requirements.
- The system could be used to request a quotation for national competitions. (currently, the system allows e-bidding for services over 1M PKR, 5M goods, and 50M works).
- Before opening international bidding, the system must support foreign registration and remove geolocation access settings (in progress).
- When suitable, a bid security declaration should be added as an option for donor packages. The bid security function should accept supporting security documents from the bidders' financial institutions.
- BPPRA and donors must ensure designated officers are trained on donor procedures and guidelines.
- The system would be used on a trial basis, with the results of initial packages reviewed before its expanded use.
- 3rd party audit should be conducted before use for open tenders.