

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

eProcurement – Implementation of Public Key Infrastructure in eProcurement application from 1st March 2005 – Issue of Digital Certificates by APTS – Orders issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT eProcurement

G.O.Ms.No.6

Dated: 28-02-2005

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No: 20 of IT&C dept dated 6-7- 2004.
2. Minutes of 12th meeting of Steering Committee on eProcurement held on 12-10-2004 conducted by Chief Secretary to Govt. A.P.
3. D.O.Lr.NO.431/PM (eproc)/IT&C/2004-05, dated 30-10-2004 addressed to MD, APTS from the Secretary IT&C.,
4. APTS Lr.No: APTS/GM (JV)/PKI/2004, dated 6-11-2004 & 18-11-2004
5. G.O.Ms.No.4 of IT&C department dated 17-02-2005.

ORDER:

The Information Technology Act 2000 provides legal recognition for transactions carried out by means of electronic data interchange and other means of electronic communication, commonly referred to as Electronic Commerce. With an objective to use the tools of IT to introduce best practices in electronic procurement across Govt. departments, GoAP have taken up eProcurement as a core eGovernance initiative. It automates the procurement and purchase procedures of AP Govt. starting from demand aggregation to procurement and fulfillment of contract. After the successful implementation of pilot phase, the Government has issued orders vide G.O first read above to roll out eProcurement to all the departments / corporations / local bodies of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

- 2) In the 12th meeting of Steering Committee held on 12-10-2004 it was resolved to make use of digital certificates mandatory for transactions on eProcurement platform from 1-1-2005, in order to provide authenticity to the transactions on the eProcurement platform as per the IT ACT 2000. The Steering Committee also directed the APTS to make suitable arrangements to issue digital certificates to the users of the eProcurement platform by collaborating with the Certifying Authorities and requested the departments to contact APTS to obtain digital certificates for department users and also to inform the contractors/ suppliers registered with them to obtain digital signature certificates from APTS latest by 15-12-2004.

- 3) In the D.O letter 3rd read above, the Managing Director, APTS was requested to finalise the business model and operationalise the issue of digital certificates to users of eProcurement platform within the timeframe fixed by the Steering Committee. Accordingly APTS has become a Sub-CA to M/s TCS-CA (certifying authority) authorized by CCA (Controller of Certifying Authorities) for issuing digital certificates to the users of eGovernance applications of GoAP and started issuing digital certificates to the users of eProcurement platform through eProcurement Registering Authority in January 2005. In the G.O 5th read above orders have been issued for operationalisation of PKI enabled eProcurement solution w.e.from 1st March 2005.
- 4) The Government after careful consideration hereby issues the following orders for implementation of Public Key Infrastructure in eProcurement application with digital certificates issued by APTS.
- a) All the suppliers / contractors have to mandatorily log into eProcurement website through secure mode and authenticate all their electronic transactions using digital certificates (signing certificate – single key pair) obtained from APTS –Sub CA in compliance to Chapter III of IT Act 2000.
 - b) All the Officers of GoAP Departments / Corporations / Local Bodies delegated with powers to invite, open and approval of tenders shall mandatorily login to eProcurement site through secure mode using their digital certificates issued by APTS to carryout transactions in eProcurement platform.
 - i) The officers vested with tender opening powers shall obtain dual key pair digital certificates i.e., two digital certificates comprising a signing certificate and an encryption certificate.
 - ii) All other officers shall obtain only one digital certificate i.e., signing certificate (Single key pair).
 - iii) The cost of the digital certificates issued to the officers of GoAP departments / Corporations / Local bodies by the APTS will be met from the 'eprocurement fund' being managed by APTS.
 - c) All the GoAP departments / Corporations / Local bodies shall direct the suppliers/ contractors registered with them to obtain digital certificates from APTS on payment of requisite charges
 - d) Henceforth, the tender inviting authorities shall incorporate the following clause in the tender conditions.

"The bidder shall authenticate the bid with his digital certificate for submitting the bid electronically on eProcurement platform and the bids not authenticated by digital certificate of the bidder will not be accepted on the eProcurement platform."

- e) The Service Provider of eProcurement services i.e., M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd., shall complete the integration of IT act 2000 compliant PKI with eProcurement software supporting single packet, two packet and World Bank tender processes for works, goods and services.
- 5) The operationalisation of PKI enabled eProcurement application shall come into effect from 1st March 2005.
- 6) These orders are applicable to all the departments / PSUs/ Local Bodies of GoAP using eProcurement platform.
- 7) A copy of this order is also available on the web at www.ap-it.com and also at www.aps.gov.in

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Chief Secretary to Government

To
All Departments Concerned
All HOD's Concerned
The Account General (Audit), AP, Hyderabad
The Accountant General (A&E), AP, Hyderabad
M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd.,

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PS to Chief Secretary to Govt.
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