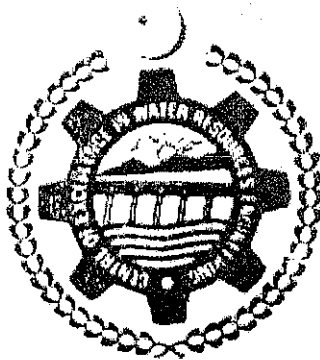


# THESIS

## COMPARATIVE STUDY OF PAKISTAN ENGINEERING COUNCIL (PEC) STANDARD FORM BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH RESPECT TO THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PPRA)



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## ABSTRACT

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) had undertaken the standardization of "Country specific" documents to regulate and streamline the procurement of works and hiring of engineering Consultancy Services. PEC started for preparation of these documents work in 1992 and finally published in August 2002. These documents are based on FIDIC's General Conditions of Contract for Civil Works 1987 edition. Government of Pakistan amended the PEC's bye laws vide SRO-628 (1) 12003 notification dated 21.06.2003 for use of relevant standard form of bidding documents prepared by PEC for award and execution of engineering works. Use of these documents is mandatory for release of funds from Government of Pakistan.

Government of Pakistan established Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) to regulate public procurement of goods, services and works in the public sector and matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto through an ordinance in 2002. The main function of Authority is to take measures and exercise powers to improve governance, management, transparency, accountability and quality of procurement in the public sector. PPRA prepared procurement Rules and issued in June 2004. These rules are available on Authority's website. Its section of definitions can be improved by adding more definitions. These rules do not differentiate between supplier, contractor and consultants whereas in Pakistan they play different role in procurement business.

The main objective of the study is to propose suggestions to incorporate in the PEC's documents in the light of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and FIDIC's condition of contract for construction, edition 1999. The study will provide an opportunity to improve/update the bidding documents, bidding procedure for award and efficient contract management of large Civil works projects.

The conclusions drawn from the present study is that Standard Form of Bidding Document for execution of large civil works should be modified as proposed in chapter-6 in the light of public procurement rules, 2004 and internationally practiced documents. Adding of clause relating to domestic preference as per procurement rule 24 (2) will ensure the development/ promotion of domestic industries, which will result in reduction of poverty in the country. Provision of evaluation criteria in the bidding document will ensure the transparency in selection procedure and control the corruption in public procurement. The bidding documents should be prepared carefully in respect of conditions of contract. Any omission or error in the bidding documents may give benefit to the Contractor.