Protection of Rights in Public Procurement Procedures in Republic of Serbia

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INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Improvement of institutional framework is of great importance for efficient system of public procurement

- Central institutions in the public procurement system in Republic of Serbia are:
 - 1) Public Procurement Office
 - 2) Republic Commission for Protection of Rights in Public Procurement Procedures
 - 3) State Audit Institution
- Authorities, capacities, cooperation

REPUBLIC COMMISSION

- Autonomous and independent body of Republic of Serbia, providing protection of rights in public procurement procedures
- Republic Commission has a legal entity status
- It is responsible to National Assembly
- Obliged to deliver reports every six months

NEW SYSTEM OF PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

- Key new points of Public procurement Law regarding protection of rights in public procurement procedures:
 - Constitution and way of operating of Republic Commission
 - New authorities of Republic Commission
 - Changed deadlines for submitting requests for protection of rights
 - New authorities have been prescribed, such as recommending and assigning provisional measures
 - Predicted offences for serious violations of law
 - Penalties on one hand have been increased, and on the other hand ranked per seriousness of the offence
 - Decisions made in offence proceedings are to be published

AUTHORITIES OF REPUBLIC COMMISSION

- 1) Decides on request for protection of rights
- 2) Decides on public procurement contract signing in case where conflict of interests exists
- 3) Decides on complaint on decision of the procuring entity and Public Procurement Office
- 4) Decides on proposal of procuring entity that request for protection of rights submitted does not preclude contract or framework agreement award
- 5) Decides on proposal of entity that submitted request for protection of right to prohibit signing or execution of public procurement contract
- 6) Decides on protection of rights proceedings expenses and costs of bid preparation

AUTHORITIES OF REPUBLIC COMMISSION

- 7) Monitors and controls the execution of the decisions it made
- 8) Prescribes penalties to procuring entities and to accountable persons of procuring entities
- 9) Declares void public procurement contracts
- 10) Conducts first instance offence proceedings
- 11) Initiates proceedings for establishing of invalidity of public procurement contract
- 12) Cooperates with international institutions and experts
- 13) Conducts other activities in accordance with the law

CHALLENGES IN FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- New web site is being prepared:
- more transparency in operations of Republic Commission;
 - for the first time legal positions published on website;
- establishing criteria for searching through decisions is in progress.
- Cooperation with other institutions in the country
- Necessity of international cooperation (especially regional)



STATISTICS OF REPUBLIC COMMISSION FOR MAY 2013

2013	
Cases Received	Cases Solved
 140 requests for protection of rights 12 complaints on procuring entity's decision 6 statements on continuation of proceedings 8 requests for expenses compensation 3 proposals for continuation of activities 2 proposals for previous status recovery 1 acting per Administrative Court decision 6 claims 	 111 requests for protection of rights 10 complaints on procuring entity's decision 7 statements on continuation of proceedings 10 requests for expenses compensation 1 acting per Administrative Court decision 5 claims
Total: 178	Total: 144
Registered: 9 Administrative Court decisions	
7 claims dismissed	
• 1 claim rejected	
• 1 claim accepted	
2 Supreme Court of Cassation decisions	
2 requests dismissed	

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