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Electronic Tendering and Procurement System (E-TAPS) at AAI.

In order to bring transparency in the procurement process in AAI, Electronic Tendering and Procurement System (E-TAPS) was launched through AAI Portal w.e.f. 1st April, 2011. Instructions have already been issued to all the REDs and HODs at CHQ that all procurements above ₹ 1 crore at RHQ and field stations and ₹ 5 crores at CHQ are to be mandatorily done through e-tendering. Nearly 120 officers of various functions all over India were trained for handling this portal. Digital signatures have also been issued to all the trained officers so as to facilitate them for handling the tenders on this portal.

So far in AAI 67 tendering activities have been completed through e-TAPS involving almost all the Directorates like CNS-Planning, Engineering, Technical, IT, CNS-OM and Commercial.

To create awareness about this system of e-tendering, a "one day" workshop was also conducted in coordination with Vigilance Directorate for the internal and external users. During this interactive workshop, the feedback received from the users including vendors was quite encouraging and they expressed satisfaction in the working of the portal and have appreciated actions taken by AAI in resolving their issues. Some useful suggestions received during the workshop are being examined for implementation by the Management.

12 tenders have completed all the stages through this portal and based on the report extracted from the system it is seen that against the estimated cost of ₹ 133.8 crores in these 12 tenders the award cost was ₹ 107.8 crores thereby indicating a saving of around ₹ 26 crores or 19.42% over the estimated cost.

In the long run, the financial benefits are expected to be substantial.

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