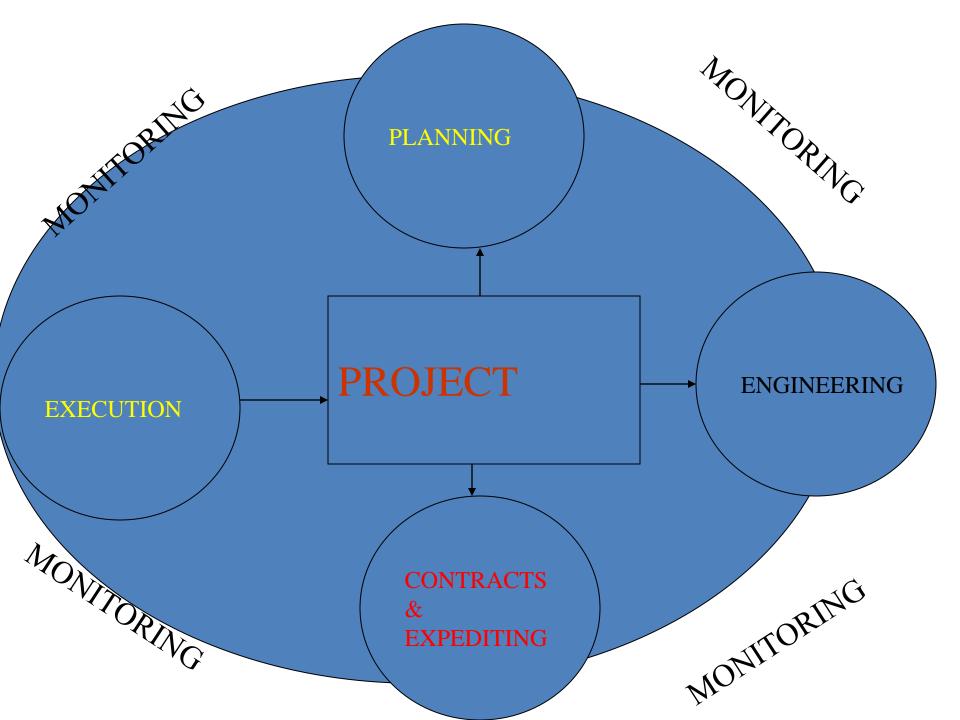
# Issues and Challenges in Project Contract Management : Ajay Shukla-AGM-NTPC (PMI)

- Issues with Project Contract
- Over view of Project Contract (Tendering)
- Reducing the Contract Lead time
- Project Cost Control
- Seven Sutra of Project Contract Execution
- Case Study 1 and 2
- Conclusion

- Dabhol (Enron)
- CWG
- AIRPORT METRO
- UMPP (MUNDRA)
- KURSIDAM
- HALDIA PORT
- Male air port



#### Lead-time and Lead-time Analysis

#### **LEAD TIME**

- Lead time mean time that lapses between raising of a PR by user deptts and receipt and acceptance of materials at project site
- Elements of Lead Time
   Administrative lead- time for finalizing purchase order.
- Suppliers lead time to make materials ready for dispatch.
- Transit lead time i.e. the time taken for transportation of materials
- Administrative lead-time of bulk breaking, inspection and completing receiving activities

#### **HOW TO REDUCE LEAD -TIME**

Lead-time consists of

Of finalizing

Arranging supplies

Admn Lead-Time Supplier Time for Transit time Receiving &

of delivery Inspection

Orders

11

L2

L4

Order Genesis

Order receipt Goods Supplied Goods

& Manufacturing

Received

Total Lead-time = L1 + L2 + L3 + L4

#### **HOW TO REDUCE LEAD TIME**

- L1 and L4 correspond to internal activities and are controllable.
- L2 and L3 are largely uncontrollable by buyer but can be reduced to some extent if systematic efforts are made in this direction by establishing
  - Right sources of supplies
  - Selecting proper mode of transportation
  - & vigorous expediting

# Steps to reduce Lead time Administrative LT of finalizing Purchase Orders(FK)

- Ensure that PRs are complete in all respects so as to initiate immediate procurement action
- Rationalization of procurement procedures.
- Financial limits for OT (NIT) should be increased
- More and more items shall be standardized with standardization of sources of supply.
- Import substitution.

- More and more items should be declared as stock item and brought under automatic replenishment system.
- Finalization of long-term rate/running contracts
- Finalization of terms and conditions with suppliers specially those from whom buying on PAC basis.

- Updating list of approved vendors for various categories of items including evaluation of vendor's performances.
- Specifications, pre-qualifying requirement for the bidders and quality plan shall be clearly spelled out.
- Emphasizing adoption of E -Buying

#### **DELIVERY LEAD TIME OF VENDORS**

- Post order progressing and expediting with vendors.
- Prompt clarifications to vendor's queries.
- Prompt PDI, if required. (Pre-dispatch Inspection)
- Prompt approval of samples, if required
- Good buyer/ seller relation including prompt payment

#### TRNSIT LEAD TIME OF TRANSPORTATION

- Select most suitable mode of transportation.
- Efficient collection group with stores.
- Post dispatch monitoring expediting deliveries of consignments unduly delayed – deputing chasers / tracers.
- Prompt retirement of documents if negotiated through bank.

# ADMINISTRATIVE LEAD TIME OF BULK BREAKING, INSPECTION AND RECEIVING ACTIVITIES

- Prompt bulk breaking (opening of packages and checking of contents of incoming consignments)
- Prompt inspection of materials at stores by user or by independent inspection cell.

- Making available inspection, testing and other requisite facilities to inspection people.
- Prompt handing over of materials to custody group.
- Vigorous follow up of settlement of discrepancies – replacement supplies / repair etc.

# OVERALL VIEW OF LEAD-TIME IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR

- Lead- Time in private sector is lesser than in public sector organizations.
- Reasons for longer led time in Public Sector
- Accountability on part of PSU operating within parameters of well formulated and laid down procedures including long period taken in adjudication/ Evaluation of offers.

# OVERALL VIEW OF LEAD-TIME IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR

- Tendency to share responsibilities sometimesunnecessary consultation, references and crossreferences.
- OT (NIT) beyond a certain monetary limits, longer time for purchasing, at time unproven suppliers on lower quoted rates get order, delays in supply- sub-standard/ poor quality materials resulting in higher rejections
- Lack of good buyer / seller relations

# Over view of Project Contract (Tendering)

Tendering mostly used by Govt. organizations to ensure

- observance of principle of public accountability,

although it is sometime used by private organization also

# Buying at Right Price

**Price Information** 

- Price Catalogue
- Trade Journals
- Tendering

☐ Standard procedure provides a monetary limit above which tender must be invited

- ☐ Tender may take two forms, i.e. OT (NIT or Formal Tender) & LT (Selected/Informal Tender)
- ☐ Since cost of OT and length of LT is high, suitable limits are fixed, above which NIT are resorted

☐ Full and identical specifications are issued to all prospective suppliers

☐ Prospective suppliers are required to submit their offer/tender in a sealed and identifiable envelope by a prescribed date and time

☐On due date and time, tenders are opened by a committee normally comprising of officers from Accounts and Materials departments.

☐ Some organization allow suppliers representative witness opening of tender if they so wish

- ☐ Late tender are not usually considered and returned to suppliers unopened
- ☐ Tenders are listed, initialed and entered into tender opening register and
  - bid analysis sheet, showing details of price,
     price basis, taxes/ duties- extra or inclusive,
     transportation charges, delivery, payments &
     other relevant information for tender evaluation

☐ Comparison of prices is done on basis of landed prices &

 quoted prices are suitably loaded for deviations to buyer standard terms & conditions so as to bring them at a common platform

☐ Tech. evaluation of offers is done by user deptts

- ☐ Orders are normally placed on lowest among the technically qualified bidder.
- ☐ Standard procedure normally delegate power to Purchase Manager or officer of purchase functions to place orders unto specified limits on lowest bidder

☐ Where acceptance of lowest technically qualified bidder is not recommended or value of purchase is more than specified limits,

approval of higher authority is obtained as per delegation.

## Tendering- Disadvantages

- ☐ Suppliers may quote too low prices to obtain business-problems of unsatisfactory quality, delayed supplies etc
- ☐ Cost of buying especially in case of OT is very high

☐ System is too slow for emergencies and even otherwise lead-time is long especially in case of OT

# Tendering- Disadvantages

☐ Tenders are normally accepted on lowest price, if everything otherwise equal

 long lasting relationship with suppliers are difficult,

no credit for past performance

#### Seven Sutra of Contact Execution

**S1 :Mobilization Advance:**) Don't give 10% mobilization advance, instead reduce to 5% (2.5% within 15 days of signing the agreement and 2.5% on production of utilization by the contractor).



## S2: Sleeping JV partner:



## S3 :Ensure timely payment to subcontractors:



## S4: Delegation of responsibility at site:



# S5: Keep track of expensive investments from the contractor



# S6: Help the contractor plan because their planning capabilities are poor



# S7: Finally, he said one execution starts, there is no way to get work done (if contractor falls behind)





