

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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NHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The 400th meeting of the Executive Board of National Highway Authority was held today under the chairmanship of Chairman NHA, Capt (Retd) Muhammad Khurram Agha at NHA HQ. The National Highway Executive Board, in line with the vision of the Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif approved a number of measures pertaining to the procurement process to award contracts to construction companies which are both technically and financially sound. These include measures to ensure improved eligibility of contractors for construction, extension and repair of motorways and National Highways. According to details, NHA will Pre-qualify contractors for all projects. Measures have further been added to enhance technical expertise and financial capability during pre-qualification. To be eligible for prequalification, the condition of past specific experience of construction of having executed similar projects for a contractor has been enhanced from 70% to 80% of the project cost. Further, contractors will now be required to provide bank guarantees instead of insurance guarantees. Physical inspection of machinery, equipment and technical staff availability will be conducted during the pre-qualification process and a certificate with evidence to that effect will be provided by the Planning Wing of NHA. Additionally, a third party ground validation of projects will be conducted at various stages of projects by a firm of international repute. The National Highway Board unanimously supported these measures which will help eliminate delays and ensure timely completion and quality construction of motorway and national highway projects in the country. All these measures have been adopted with immediate effect.

The meeting was attended by Inspector General National Highways and Motorways Police Khalid Mahmood, Chief NTRC Hameed Akhtar, Additional Secretary Finance Division and Planning Division, Vice President NESPAK and senior officers of Ministry of Communications and National Highway Authority.