

The JFTC Issued Cease and Desist Orders and Surcharge Payment Orders against Participants in Biddings for Engineering Works and Paving Works Ordered by Chiba Prefecture

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) today issued cease and desist orders and surcharge payment orders against engineering companies participating in biddings for particular engineering works and particular paving works ordered by Chiba Prefecture (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the works"), finding that they substantially restrained competition in the fields of the works by, in concert with one another, designating successful bidders and managing to have the designated successful bidders win the biddings. The total amount of the surcharge to be paid is 223.52 million yen.

Before issuing the cease and desist orders and the surcharge payment orders, the JFTC notified the said enterprises of the contents of the planned orders and provided them with opportunities to present their opinions and submit evidence. The JFTC issued the orders taking the opinions and the evidence submitted into consideration. The recipients dissatisfied with the orders may request, within sixty days of the date on which the transcript of the orders were served, the JFTC to initiate hearing procedures regarding the orders.