

Fact-Finding Survey Report on Measures Taken by Procuring Agencies to Prevent Bid Rigging Involving Procurement Officials (FY2026)



Purpose of the Survey

A situation where violations of the Act on Elimination and Prevention of Involvement in Bid Rigging, etc. and Punishments for Acts by Employees that Harm Fairness of Bidding, etc. (the “Act”) and other laws continue unabated

- ▶ Conducted fact-finding survey for the first time in eight years on measures taken by procuring agencies to prevent bid rigging involving procurement officials, etc.

Summary of the Survey Results

While the implementation rate of each measure has generally been on the rise compared to the 2018 survey, efforts to prevent such practices before they occur are yet to be fully achieved

Causes Behind Violations of the Act and Other Laws

- Lack of compliance awareness among procurement officials
- Organizational structure that lacks oversight



Reasons for Not Implementing Measures to Prevent Bid Rigging Involving Procurement Officials, etc.

- Lack of resources, such as budget or personnel
- Following precedent because no specific issues have been raised in the past



Risks If These Measures Are Not Implemented

1. Establishment of provisions stipulating what procurement officials should comply with to prevent involvement in bid rigging, etc.

If not implemented...

Procurement officials may unwittingly contribute to violations

2. Developing the organizational structure of procuring agencies to prevent procurement officials from becoming involved in bid rigging, etc.

If not implemented...

If procurement is conducted with improper intent, such violations may be overlooked

3. Awareness-raising and education to enhance compliance awareness

If not implemented...

Many violations are attributed to a lack of compliance awareness among procurement officials, which could lead directly to violations



4. Other measures to prevent procurement officials from becoming involved in bid rigging, etc.

If not implemented...

Failure to verify the validity of bidding results will result in losing the opportunity to detect violations

Top priority

Regardless of available resources, such as budget or personnel, the costs incurred when violations or incidents occur are enormous

Support Provided by JFTC

- Publication of texts and support materials : Text: “Toward the Prevention of Bid Rigging”
: Checklist for Preventing Bid Rigging Involving Procurement Officials
- Support for inquiries and consultations : Matters concerning the Act
: Matters concerning analysis of bidding results
- Dispatching instructors to procuring agencies, etc. : Dispatching instructors to training sessions for procurement officials on the Act