

Reference Material III-4

Initiative on Future Management of Government Procurement

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Voluntary Review Meeting

1. Based on the stipulations of the Procedures for Government Procurement on Products (Operational Guidelines), Measures on Japanese Public Sector Procurement of Telecommunications Products and Services, and Measures related to Japanese Public Sector Procurement of Medical Technology Products and Services, which were decided in the 21st Meeting of the Action Program Committee (hereinafter “AP Committee”), held in March 1994, the Voluntary Review Meeting, a body established under the AP Committee, engaged in a review of the voluntary measures in place in each sector.
2. Specifically, an inquiry was implemented by sending a Questionnaire on Voluntary Measures on Government Procurement (41 respondents), in order to acquire the opinions and requests of suppliers concerning the status of implementation of voluntary measures. As can be seen from the resulting opinions provided by the suppliers in Appendix 1, the voluntary measures received a generally high appraisal overall. However, respondents indicated a desire for improvement concerning the evaluation standards and methods in the overall-greatest-value evaluation methodology.
3. Based on the above questionnaire results and the results of government procurement in 2011 (calendar year) in Appendix 2, the Voluntary Review Meeting compiled Measures concerning the Operation of Government Procurement in the Future, as can be seen in Appendix 3.