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Dy. General Manager Incharge,
(Real Estate Operation Division),
Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP),
Karachi.

Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Dy. General Manager Incharge, (Real Estate Operation Division), TCP's Tender Notice for Hiring the Services of a Labour Contractor for the Handling of Bagged Cargo at TCP's Pipri, Landhi, and Korangi Godowns

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Dunya' Newspaper on 18 July, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

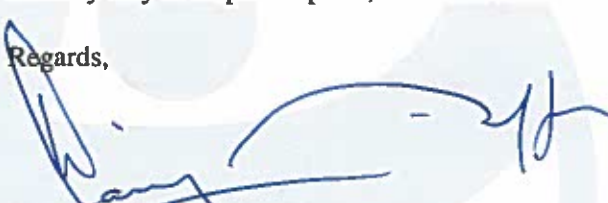
In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 25-07-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is seven (7) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

13. Response time.- (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen ***days for national competitive bidding and thirty ***days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.

Dy. General Manager Incharge, (Real Estate Operation Division, TCP is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across-the-board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,



Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission (PMIC), Islamabad.



Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

"What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution"

**TRADING CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN (PVT) LIMITED**
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

No. TCP/REOD/Lab Com/Sugar/2025

July 16, 2025

INVITATION FOR BID

TENDER FOR HIRING THE SERVICES OF A LABOUR CONTRACTOR FOR THE HANDLING OF BAGGED CARGO AT TCP'S PIPRI LANDRI AND KORANGI GODOWNS

Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd (TCP), Karachi is a state-owned commercial organization working under the administrative control of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, invites bids, under Rule-42(d)(4) of PPRA Rules, 2004, from the reputed and established companies/firms etc., having the capacity to handle to store/stock Bagged Cargo (Sugar) at TCP's godowns located at Korangi, Landri and Pipri, Karachi.

2. Tender document containing detailed terms & conditions, method of procurement, procedure for submission of bids, bid security, opening of bids, bid evaluation criteria, clarification/rejection of bids, performance guarantee etc. are available for the interested bidders on payment of PKR 2,000/- (Pak Rupees Two Thousand only), which can be purchased during 0830 hours to 1630 hours from following offices (Except Saturday & Sunday), till 1630 hours on 25th July 2025, from:

- (i) Deputy Manager (Cash), Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd, 4th Floor, Block-B, Finance & Trade Centre, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, Pakistan (Phone: 021-99202947-49 Ext.: 235)
- (ii) General Manager, Regional Office, Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd, 2nd Floor, LDA Plaza, Edgerton Road, Lahore (Phone No 042-99206065-78); and
- (iii) General Manager, Regional Office, Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd, House No. 114, Street 11, PAFAF Residency, Kumbhari, Islamabad (Tel: 051-9450441-42).

3. The tender documents can also be downloaded from the official websites of TCP (www.tcp.gov.pk) and PPRA (www.ppra.org.pk). However, the receipt of purchase of tender documents can be obtained from the cash section of TCP against the payment of PKR 2,000/- (Pak Rupees Two Thousand only) Or Pay order of equal amount cash/cheque attached with bid, prior to dropping the bid envelope in the tender box within the specified time as mentioned in the tender documents.

4. The bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the tender documents, must be dropped in the tender box placed at the Reception Counter of TCP, 4th Floor, Block-B, Finance & Trade Centre, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, on or before 1100 hrs on 25th July 2025. The bids will be opened on the same day at 11:30 A.M in the TCP's Board Room, in the presence of the members of the procurement committee & bidders or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present.

5. TCP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, wholly or partially, as per PPA Rules, 2004.

(Ali Raza Altaf)
Dy. General Manager Incharge
(Real Estate Operation Division)

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