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Project Director,
Strengthening Institutions for Refugees Administration (SIRA),
Islamabad.

Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Project Director, Strengthening Institutions for Refugees Administration (SIRA)'s Tender Notice for Request for Expression of Interest for Review of Existing Legal and Policy Framework on Data Protection

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Nai Baat' Newspaper on 21 September, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

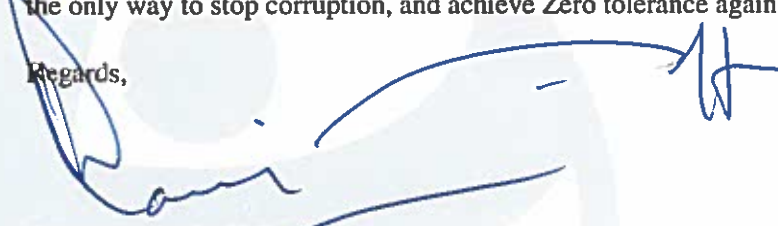
In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 26-09-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is nine (9) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

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.

Project Director, Strengthening Institutions for Refugees Administration (SIRA), Islamabad 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"

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF KASHMIR AFFAIRS, GB & SAFRON CHIEF COMMISSIONERATE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR REFUGEES ADMINISTRATION (SIRA) (RE-ADVERTISEMENT-CORRIGENDUM/ADDENDUM) REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Country: Pakistan Name of Project: Strengthening Institutions for Refugees Administration (SIRA) Contract Title: Review of Existing Legal and Policy Framework on Data Protection Loan No. / Credit No. / Grant No.: D5840-PK STEP Reference No.: PK-CCAR-493487-CS-INDV • The Government of Pakistan has received financial support from the International Development Association under (IDA-18) in respect of project titled, "Strengthening Institutions for Refugees Administration (SIRA)" and intends to apply part of the proceeds to procure services of a consultant to review the existing Legal and Policy Framework on Afghan Refugees' Data Protection. • The Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees (CCAR) invites eligible Individual Consultant ("Consultant"), to express their interest in providing the said services. Interested Consultant should provide information demonstrating that they meet the required qualification and experience to perform this assignment. In this regard, there are prescribed standards, which have been mentioned in the Terms of Reference (TORs) and may be downloaded from the website: https://karna.gov.pk. • The selection of individual consultants will be conducted in accordance with Section VII, Approved Selection Methods: Consulting Services, paragraphs 7.34, 7.35, 7.36, and 7.37 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised February 2025 and amended from time to time), which set forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest." • Sealed REOI complete in all respect as mentioned in TORs Documents must be submitted to the address mentioned below on or before Friday September 26, 2025, 10:30 AM. The REOI will be opened on the same day. Late and incomplete submissions will be rejected. Project Director (SIRA) Strengthening Institution for Refugees Administration (SIRA), House 274, Main Double Road, E-11/1, Gpk, Islamabad, Pakistan Tel: +92-061-6130808, Email: siraprojectdirector@gmail.com Website: https://karna.gov.pk PID/1235225

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