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Manager (Supply Chain Management),
HAZECO HQ,
Abbottabad.

Subject: Violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Manager (Supply Chain Management), HAZECO HQ, Abbottabad's Tender Notice for Procurement of Distribution Transformer

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Aaj' Newspaper on 14 November, 2026. The said advertisement is in violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule No. 34 '*Response Time*'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 26-11-2026, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (02) days less. It is a violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule 34. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

> ***34. Response time.---(1)*** *The procuring entity 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 contract's complexity, 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 in the national newspaper.*

Manager (Supply Chain Management), HAZECO HQ, Abbottabad is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 54.

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. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
2. Managing Director, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Peshawar.

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"

HAZECO INVITATION TO E-BIDS

Hazara Electric Supply Company (HAZECO) invites e-Bids on NCB (National Competitive Bidding) basis from the manufacturers / suppliers who are registered with the NTDC/WAPDA/DISCOs and registered with sales tax/income tax department for supply of following material on FCS (free delivery to consignee store) basis to Deputy Manager Regional Store, Abbottabad according to the NTDC/WAPDA Specification amended to date as per below mentioned quantities date & time:

Tender No. 2026-27	EPADS 2.0 REFERENCE NO	Material Description	Unit	Quantity	Bid Submission / Closing Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
SCM-34	P149610	Procurement of 25 KVA 11/.4 KV Distribution Transformer	No.	171	26.11.2026 10:30 AM	26.11.2026 11:00 AM
SCM-35	P151296	Procurement of 50 KVA 11/.4 KV Distribution Transformer	No.	477	26.11.2026 10:45 AM	26.11.2026 11:15 AM
SCM-36	P158898	Procurement of 100 KVA 11/.4 KV Distribution Transformer	No.	284	26.11.2026 11:00 AM	26.11.2026 11:30 AM
SCM-37	P160932	Procurement of 200 KVA 11/.4 KV Distribution Transformer	No.	135	26.11.2026 11:15 AM	26.11.2026 11:45 AM

Terms & Conditions

1. The Hazara Electric Supply Company (HAZECO) invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for procurement of goods described in the bidding documents on EPADS v2.0.
2. Single Stage-One Envelope will be used by adopting Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS) Technique for the subject procurement, in line with the Public Procurement Rules, 2026 and any Regulations, Regulatory Guides, Procurement Guidelines or Instructions issued by the Authority from time to time.
3. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in favor of **Hazara Electric Supply Company Limited Abbottabad** amounting described in Bid Security Section in Bidding Document in the form of Call at Deposit, Bank Guarantee. The original bid security must be submitted at Room No 209, HAZECO HQ, Gulistan Colony College Road, Abbottabad on or before the bid closing time, failing which the bids shall be considered non-responsive and rejected.
4. E-Bidding documents, containing detailed terms & conditions, specifications and requirements etc. are available on e-Pak Acquisition and Disposal System (EPADS) at https://epads.gov.pk for all the interested bidders registered on EPADS v2.0. Bidders are required to get themselves registered on EPADS v2.0 to participate in Bidding process.
5. The e-bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the e-Bidding Documents, must be submitted through EPADS v2.0 on aforementioned date and time. E-bids will be opened using EPADS v2.0 on the same day mentioned above. Manual submission of Bids shall not be entertained. Those vendors who have not yet registered on e-Pak Acquisition and Disposal System (the new version of EPADS v2.0, may register themselves on https://vendors.epads.gov.pk/. A tutorial to explain the registration process is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNW6T38v7tc
6. In terms of Rule 65 of Public Procurement Rules, 2026 Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) is notified for the subject procurement and notification copy is available on the procuring agency's website and on Authority's website at (www.ppra.org.pk).

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