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Additional Director, Livestock and Dairy Development Department (Punjab), District Rajanpur, Punjab.

Subject: <u>Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014</u>, <u>Additional Director</u>, <u>Livestock and Dairy Development Department (Punjab)</u>, <u>Rajanpur's Tender Notice for Procurement of Furniture & Fixture</u>, Cost of Store & Other Store Items.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' newspaper on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 35 'Rejection of bids'.

In the said notice, it is stated that; "The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time before acceptance of the bid or proposal without assigning any reason."

As per the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, the procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder who submitted a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection although it is not required to justify those grounds. Hence, it is a violation of Rule No. 35 of the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

- 35. Rejection of bids.— (1) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.
- (2) The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but shall not be required to justify those grounds.
- (4) The bidders shall be promptly informed about the rejection of the bids, if any.

Additional Director, Livestock and Dairy Development Department (Punjab) is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid misprocurement under Rule 69.

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Advocate Danival Mozaffar,

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

- 1. Caretaker Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
- 2. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
- 3. Director General, Livestock and Dairy Development Department (Punjab), Lahore.
- 4. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.
- 5. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore.

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## INVITATION TO BIDDING

For the Procurement of Furniture & Fixtures, Cost of Store & Other Store Items

- Additional Director Livestock, Rajanpur invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of office supplies for the year 2023-24 in accordance with the Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014:
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain detailed bidding documents which are available at the office of the undersigned upon payment of Rs. 1000/- (non-refundable) as a fee for tender documents, after the publication of this advertisement uptil Thursday, 28th of September,2023 at 12:00 PM.
- 3 Sealed and completed bids in accordance with the requirements of the bidding documents, as well as a 2% bid security of the estimated cost in favoi of the Additional Director Livestock, Rajanpur in the form of a Bank Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / CDR / Bank Guarantee must be submitted before Thursday, 28th of September, 2023 at 12:00 PM.

Sr. No.	Object Head / Description	Estimated Cost (Million)	Bid-Security @ 2%
1:	A09701-Purchase of Furniture & Fixtures	6.00	Rs: 120,000/-
2.	A03970-0thers	2.00	Rs: 40,000/-
3.	A03942-Cost of Other Store	2.00	Rs: 40,000/

- 4. The Technical Proposals will be opened on the same day in the presence of bidders / their representatives at 01:00/PM/at the office of the undersigned while the Financial Proposals will be opened on Saturday 712 of October, 2023 at 12:00 pm.
- 5. Bidding will be made under single-stage, two-envelope bidding procedure in accordance with the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014. The sealed envelope must clearly indicate the name of the tender for which the proposal is being submitted.
- 6. If the last day for submission of proposals is declared a day off due to any reason, the deadine for submission and opening of proposals is set on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- 7 The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time before acceptance of the bid or proposal without assigning any reason.

## Additional Director Livestock & Dairy Development Department ,Punjab ,Rajanpur

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