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Chief Officer,
District Council Layyah,
Layyah.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chief Officer, District Council Layyah's
Tender Notice for Construction of Bus Stop Shelters for Electro Buses**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' Newspaper on 02 November, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 14 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 12-11-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is four (4) days less. It is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 14. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

14. Response time.-- (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for prequalification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice keeping in view the complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in 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.

Chief Officer, District Council Layyah is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 69.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve against 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 Punjab, Lahore.
2. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore.

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”

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL LAYYAH
INVITATION OF BIDS**

District Council Layyah intends to invite bids for the Construction of Bus Stops Shelters for Electric Buses with Limit of Tehsil Layyah through newly introduced e-PADS E-Tendering system.

The bidding shall be conducted in line with "Single Stage Single Envelope" procedure of the Punjab Procurement Rules (PPRA) 2014 and is open to all eligible bidders. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of required amount in the form of CNR / Pay order from any scheduled bank in Punjab in favor of District Council Layyah.

All contractors/Traders/Manufacturers who are registered with PPRA/e-PADS can participate in open E-Tendering System. Procurement procedure will strictly be adopted in accordance with PPRA Rules, 2014 (amended up to date). Contractors can participate in E-Tendering after fulfilling following terms & conditions.

1. Contractors/participating firms / vendors may register their firms on website <http://pa.gov.pk/e-procurement.gov.pk> of Govt. Punjab by submitting their requisite information.
2. After registration on e-PADS website <http://pa.gov.pk/e-procurement.gov.pk>, Contractors of eligible category may participate in E-Tendering.
3. Separate Bidding Document containing detailed Terms & Conditions of the bidding process of respective activity can be downloaded from (<http://pa.gov.pk/e-procurement.gov.pk>) free of cost.
4. The bid prepared in accordance with the instructions mentioned in the respective procurement activity's Bidding Document, must be submitted e-PADS at (<https://pa.gov.pk/e-procurement.gov.pk>) by or before 11:00 P.M hours PST on the closing date 12-11-2025 for respective procurement activity mentioned above. The bids will be opened at 11:30 P.M hours PST through e-PADS on 12-11-2025 for respective procurement activity in the presence of bidders' representatives who shall choose to attend the bids' opening session will be held in office of the District Council Layyah.
5. In case the lowest bidder whose bid will be more than 5% below of UNIT of the work, the lowest bidder will be bound to deposit the difference between the bid & estimated cost as per rate quoted by the bidder as quality assurance security in shape of Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) from Schedule Bank within 15 days after opening of Tender/Bid. Bidder will have to upload the scanned copy of Bid security on e-PADS & will submit the original CDR in the office of undersigned by or before closing date and time; otherwise, the tender of the bidder will stand cancelled and will be considered as non-responsive.
6. In case of false information, false CDR, false Deposit Slip, the contractor will be liable to disqualify as per PPRA Rules and will not be eligible to participate in upcoming tenders of District Council Layyah. Further his name will be forwarded to PEC and PPRA for initiation of strict legal action.
7. The Competent Authority may reject all bids at any time prior to the approval / acceptance of the Tender Rates.
8. When acceptance letter is issued to the successful contractor, he has to make the agreement with department on stamp paper of value specified by Government within seven days for issuance of Work Order.
9. Bidding document is also available on PPRA Punjab website.
10. The URL of e-procurement of the PPRA is "<http://pa.gov.pk/e-procurement.gov.pk>" and response time is calculated exclusively from the date of publication of advertisement on the website of the PPRA.

Sr. #	Name of Development Scheme	Estimated Cost In Rs.	Bid Security @5%
1	CONSTRUCTION OF BUS STOPS SHELTERS FOR ELECTRIC BUSES WITH LIMIT OF TEHSIL LAYYAH DISTRICT LAYYAH	1,64,70,794/-	82,35,400/-

Advertised by

Chief Officer IPL-5751 Administrator
District Council Layyah District Council Layyah

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