

November 19, 2025

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Director Conservation and Planning,  
Walled City of Lahore Authority  
2nd Floor, Imdad Bilqees House,  
54-Lawrence Road,  
Lahore

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Director Conservation and Planning Walled City of Lahore Authority Tender Notice for Conservation Work Of Project Titled "Conservation/Adaptive Reuse Of Steam Pump House Part Of Pani Wala Talab,**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' Newspaper on 13 November, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 14 'Response Time'.

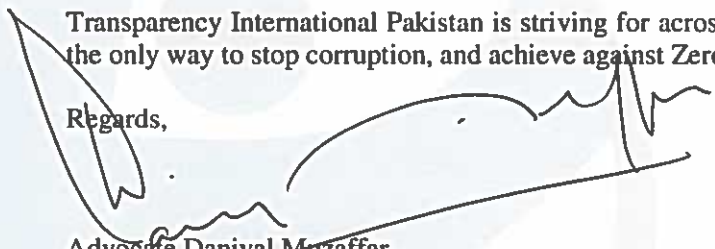
In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 24-11-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is Three (3) days less. It is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 14. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*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.*

Director Conservation and Planning Walled City of Lahore Authority is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid misprocurement 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”



Government of the Punjab

**TENDER NOTICE**

**CONSERVATION WORK OF PROJECT TITLED "CONSERVATION / ADAPTIVE REUSE OF STEAM PUMP HOUSE PART OF FANI WALA TALAB, LAHORE"**



1. Following tender is invited based on single stage two envelope procedure from the eligible firms / contractors registered / renewed with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in the relevant category.

Sr.#	Project Name	Estimate Amount	Bid Security	ECR Category
01	CONSERVATION / ADAPTIVE REUSE OF STEAM PUMP HOUSE PART OF FANI WALA TALAB, LAHORE	144,234,182.81/-	7,065,083.65/-	C-4 or above

2. Procurement shall be carried out through E-Procurement (EPADS). The E-Tender Notice & Bidding Document are available on EPADS and PPRA Website. If the E-Bid or proposal including record submitted on EPADS found corrupt or contain virus or unreadable, the E-bid or proposal shall be rejected as per Regulation 6 (4) of PPR, 2024.

3. The Bidder shall submit E-bid through uploading of PDF file on EPADS as per Regulation 6 (4) of PPR, 2024 and also submit the original bid to procuring agency.

4. The bid shall be a Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure through Open Competitive Bidding Method and bid shall be evaluated based on least cost method.

5. The prospective bidders are required to submit earnest money in the form of a CDR/Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee of any scheduled Bank @ 2% of the estimated cost. The contractors / bidders shall produce the original CDR/Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee in the name of Director General, WCLA Lahore accompanying the letterhead of the applicant / firm on or before the closing time of the bid, otherwise the online bid submitted will not be entertained. The online submitted bids / tenders will be opened on E-PADS on fixed date & time in committee room of Walled city of Lahore Authority. The online submitted bids unaccompanied with scanned copy of earnest money shall not be accepted.

6. The Bid document comprising Proposal prepared in accordance with instructions in bidding document shall be uploaded on E-PADS on or before 24-11-2025 by 11:00 AM (As per PPRA rule 14 sub rule (3) response time is calculated from the date of publication on website of authority <http://walledcitylahore.gov.pk/>, URL) of the advertisement on website of authority <https://epms.mmlah.gov.pk>. Technical Bids will be opened on same day at 11:30 AM by the committee in presence of the bidders / their authorized representatives and financial bid will be opened after Technical Evaluation.

7. Bidder shall submit bidding documents duly signed & stamped by the authorized representative.

8. Price schedule / Bid Security to be submitted on the letter head of Contractor.

9. The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to acceptance as per Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 (Rule 35).

10. For obtaining any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact the Procuring Agency.

11. There must be no cutting / amendment in bid quoted by contractors through electronic system.

12. No telephonic / conditional tender and without earnest money will be entertained.

13. All relevant rules will be applicable.

14. The URL of the website of PPRA is (<http://ppra.punjab.gov.pk/Viewtender.aspx>) response time shall be calculated exclusively from the date of publication of the advertisement on the website of PPRA and published on PPRA website on dated 6-Nov-2025

Note: In case of any typographic mistake, if notified, the original documents will be referred.

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