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Director Procurement,
Punjab Education Curriculum Training & Assessment Authority (PECTAA),
Lahore.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Director Procurement, Punjab Education Curriculum Training & Assessment Authority (PECTAA), Lahore's Tender Notice for Procurement of Title Covers for Primers, Jackets, Textbooks Tarjuma-Tul-Ouran-UI-Majeed, Tajweedi Qaida / Paras of the Holy Quran, ETC for Academic Session 2026-27

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dunya' Newspaper on 11 October, 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 20-10-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is five (5) 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 Procurement, Punjab Education Curriculum Training & Assessment Authority (PECTAA), Lahore 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”

PUNJAB EDUCATION, CURRICULUM TRAINING & ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, LAHORE

TENDER NOTICE FOR

PROCUREMENT OF TITLE COVERS FOR PRIMERS, JACKETS, TEXTBOOKS, TAJWIMA-TUL-QURAN-UL-MAJEED, TAJWEEDI QAIDA/PARAS OF THE HOLY QURAN, ETC. FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-27

Government of the Punjab directed all departments vide letter No. SO(JRC-1) 5-4/2024 dated 9th May, 2024 that E-Procurement shall be mandatory for all Public Offices including Attached Departments, Autonomous Bodies, Companies and Authorities in Punjab with effect from 01.07.2024. In the light of the Govt. instructions PECTAA invites bids for printing, lamination and supply of Title Covers for Primers/Jackets/ Textbooks etc. for the Academic Session 2026-27 in accordance with the demand of Programme Monitoring and Implementation Unit - Punjab Education Sector Reforms Programme (PMIU-PESRP), Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) and Punjab Education Initiative Management Authority (PEIMA) etc. from well reputed Printers / Publishers/ Firms/ Companies / JVs / Group / Consortiums / AOPs/ Sole Proprietors etc. registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments possessing adequate experience in the relevant field and not currently blacklisted by the Procuring Agency. Single Stage Two envelopes competitive bidding procedure as per the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules, 2014 (Amended) shall be adopted. Following the publication of this advertisement, the Bidding Documents containing detailed terms and conditions will be available immediately on the websites of the PPRA, PECTAA, and the e-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System (EPADS) at www.ppra.gov.pk, www.pectaa.edu.pk and www.epads.gov.pk respectively, for the following procurement:

Procurement No.	Title	Approximate Quantity	Total Estimated Cost	Bid Submission Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
PECTAA/PROC/047Y25-26/TC-PIT/AS26-27	PROCUREMENT OF TITLE COVERS FOR PRIMERS, JACKETS, TEXTBOOKS, TAJWIMA-TUL-QURAN-UL-MAJEED, TAJWEEDI QAIDA/PARAS OF THE HOLY QURAN, ETC. FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-27	1.5 Million	Ru. 554 Million	On or before Monday, 20 October 2025 at 10:30 a.m.	Monday, 20 October 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

The aforementioned quantities of Title Covers are further divided into two categories: the first pertains to those used for the Tajweed Qaida/Paras of the Holy Quran and the Tajwima-tul-Quran-ul-Majeed, while the second relates to all other textbooks. A Non-Muslim, as defined under Article 260 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, shall not associate or be associated with the printing and lamination of the Title Covers of the first category (i.e. Tajweed Qaida/Paras of the Holy Quran and the Tajwima-tul-Quran-ul-Majeed). Bid submission only through EPADS shall be entertained, any bid submitted through other means shall not be accepted or considered. The interested bidders shall submit online Technical and Financial Bids on the website of EPADS accompanied by bid security as mentioned in the Bidding Document. Bidders are advised to ensure uploading the e-bid on EPADS well before the submission deadline and not wait for the last date and time to upload the bid. A copy of Technical Bid in sealed envelopes along with Coated Bleached Board samples and Bid Security @ 2% of the estimated price in Pak Rupees, as mentioned in the Bidding Document, from any Scheduled Bank of Pakistan, in the form of original Call Deposit Receipt / Demand Draft / Pay Order in favor of PECTAA must be submitted physically in the tender box available at the Committee Room of PECTAA office, 21/ E-II, Gulberg-III, Lahore, well before the date and time of submission of e-bids. Late bids shall not be entertained. In case of discrepancies, the documents uploaded on the EPADS shall prevail. At first instance, Technical Bids shall be opened in the presence of the bidders, or authorized representatives, who choose to attend, and credentials of all bidders shall be evaluated through physical inspection as per prescribed technical evaluation criteria mentioned in the Bidding Document. Thereafter, the Financial Bids of technically qualified bidders shall be announced on a notified time, date and venue in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives, who choose to attend the meeting. The procurement of good quality Coated Bleached Board, inks, glue etc. as per approved specifications mentioned in the Bidding Document is the responsibility of the bidder. The rates shall be inclusive of cost of Coated Bleached Board, printing, lamination and supply at the designated Godown of PECTAA at Lahore. In case of official holiday on the day of submission, the next day will be considered as the last submission date for physical submission of copy of technical bid, Coated Bleached Board samples and original bid security. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days, commencing from the date of opening of the Technical Bid. Detailed terms and conditions, method of procurement and procedure for submission of bids, and other information are available in the Bidding Document. PECTAA shall not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of bids. Bid submission on EPADS shall be entirely responsibility of the bidder, PECTAA shall not be held responsible for any issues thereof. The response time shall be calculated exclusively from the date of publication of this advertisement on the website of the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority. Reference Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) for this advertisement are <https://proc.punjab.gov.pk/ActiveTenders.aspx>, <https://pectaa.edu.pk/tender.php>, and <https://punjab.procure.gov.pk>.

DIRECTOR PROCUREMENT
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