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Executive Director,
The Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra),
Information and Culture Department,
68 - The Mall Road,
Lahore.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Director, The Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra), Information and Culture Department, Lahore's Tender Notice for Replacement of Rooftop (Hall-II)

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' Newspaper on 17th July, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 14 'Response Time'.

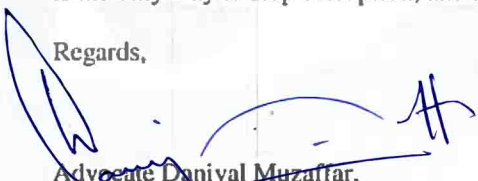
In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 29.07.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 14. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

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.

Executive Director, The Lahore Arts Council (Alhamra), Information and Culture Department, 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”

Job No.	Description	Estimated Cost	Bid security @4%
1	Replacement of Rooftop (Hall-II)	Rs 24,367,000/-	Rs 974,680/-
2	Supply and Installation of Elevator (Hall-II)	Rs 11,129,376/-	Rs 445,175/-
Grand Total		Rs 35,496,376/-	Rs 1,419,855/-

IMPORTANT TERMS & CONDITIONS:

All the participating firms / companies are required to be:

- Registered with concern departments in Pakistan.
- Active Registration in GST, PST, PRA & NTN.
- Registered in (C-6) Category with Pakistan Engineering Council.
- Established for at least five (5) years with proven experience in conducting / carrying out the similar services.
- Non-blacklisted by any public or private sector organization (submission of undertaking on legal stamp paper is mandatory).
- As per PPRA Rules 2014, Clause 23, the detail of each item has been elaborated in the bidding document including evaluation criteria which can be obtained from the office of Deputy Director Admin, Lahore Arts Council on written request of the bidder against the fee of Rs.5000/- (Non-Refundable) in form of pay order in the name of Lahore Arts Council during office hours i.e. 09:00 am to 05:00 pm (Monday to Friday).
- The performance guarantee @ 8% of the contract price shall be deposited by the successful bidder within 3 days of the issuance of supply / work order.
- The proposal must reach by hand or Through Courier in the office of Deputy Director (Admin), Lahore Arts Council till 29th July, 2024 (Monday) at 02:00 pm. The bids will be opened by the tender committee on 29th July, 2024 (Monday) at 02:30 pm. in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.
- The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal under PPRA Rules 35(1).
- The bidders are requested to give final price / rates inclusive of all taxes. Incomplete or ambiguous rates shall be liable for rejection of bids at any stage.
- Tender advertisement can be seen on PPRA Punjab (www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk) as well as Lahore Arts Council website (www.lac.punjab.gov.pk).

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