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Executive Engineer,
Highway Division,
Sialkot.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Engineer, Highway Division,
Sialkot's Tender Notice for Procurement for Various Rehabilitation Works**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dunya' Newspaper on 23 May, 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 03-06-2025, 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.

Executive Engineer, Highway Division, Sialkot 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 HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

TENDER NOTICE

سڑکیں، پھان، پنجاب خوشحال

The tenders for the following scheme are invited from Engineering Consultants as per PPHA E-Tendering System. All the interested contractors can participate in tendering process with following terms and conditions:-

- The Tending Contractors/Firms who are registered with Pakistan Engineering Council having valid PEC license for IT 2024-25 in the relevant category may participate.
- The Contractors/Firms have to be registered on Punjab PPHA website (www.punjab-ppha.gov.pk) Any information / procedure regarding registration can be downloaded from website (i.e. www.punjab-ppha.gov.pk) as per requirement.
- All intending contractors/firms have to upload the earned money in the form of CDR / Pay Order in favor of the Executive Engineer Highway Division District (50% of the estimated cost) / DMT Cost and have to upload/submit bids on the same website again after having the opening date and time of opening of tender / bid. However, original CDR / Pay Order along with copy of valid PEC License has to be submitted to the tender opening committee on the same day, one hour i.e. on 05.06.2025 upto 01:00 PM, before the starting of bids otherwise, the interested tenderer will be disqualified in presence of Tender Opening Committee.
- After filing the bids on website, contractors may submit the office of Superintending Engineer Highway Circle/Slaikot upto on 05.06.2025 at 02:30 PM, where all bids will be received / downloaded and quoted bids will be announced in the presence of Tender Opening Committee.
- In case of submission of any false information/document such as CDR / Pay Order, the Contractor/s will be disqualified from the current tendering procedure and will be black listed to participate in any tendering process of CHD Department. Further recommendation to PPHA and PEC will also be made against such Contractor/s for appropriate action being taken.
- As per PPHA Punjab Circular PPHA/PPHA/14-12/1102905 dated 11.10.2024, the bidders have to quote items listed against work here as well as total amount against each item along with grand total of all items. The bidders quoted in percentage above or below than approved / estimated cost will not be considered / accepted.
- The contractors will be required to furnish performance security as per PPHA Rule for the works mentioned at # 1 to 21 of B-2.
- The contractors will be required to furnish bid security / earnest money as per PPHA Rule-27.
- Recovery against credit of all items will be adjusted mutually and accordingly bids will be evaluated.
- The pricing agency report may impact all bids or proposal of all bids prior to acceptance of a bid or proposals under PPHA Rule-34 (Protection of Bids).
- As per approved guidelines, No Price Variation is permissible as below mentioned work of 3 to 26 km.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	1 to 30 Km	Completion Period	Estimated Cost / Tender Money (Rs)	Opening Date & Time
1	Rehabilitation / Widening of (1) 20 Km Bara Chak to Chaurayya, (2) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (3) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (4) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (5) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (6) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (7) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (8) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (9) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (10) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (11) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (12) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (13) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (14) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (15) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (16) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (17) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (18) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (19) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (20) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (21) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (22) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (23) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (24) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (25) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (26) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (27) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (28) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (29) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (30) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (31) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (32) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (33) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (34) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (35) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (36) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (37) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (38) 10 Km Mandi Jattan, (39) 10 Km Mandi 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