



15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

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Executive Engineer,  
Highway Division,  
Government of Punjab,  
Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab.

**Subject: Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Engineer, Highway Division, Rahim Yar Khan, Superintending Engineer, Highway Circle, Bahwalpur's Tender Notice for Construction of Metalled Roads.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Nawaiwaqt' newspaper on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 25(7) 'Bidding documents'.

In the tender notice the fee for purchasing tender documents for works is given Rs 20,000/- (non-refundable), which is relatively a high amount. However as per Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 25(7), procuring agency shall provide a set of bidding documents to any supplier or contractor, on request and subject to payment of price, which means the cost of printing only. Hence, it is a violation Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No 25(7).

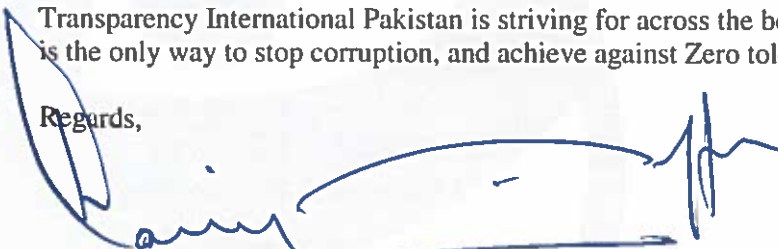
The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*25. Bidding documents.— (7) The procuring agency shall, on payment of such fee as the procuring agency may determine keeping in view the cost of printing and provision of the documents, provide a set of bidding documents to the prospective bidders.*

Executive Engineer, Highway Division Rahim Yar Khan is requested to rectify the violation 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. Caretaker Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
3. 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”

TENDER NOTICE								
<p>Sealed tenders based on item rates are hereby invited for the works mentioned below from the Contractors / Firms enlisted / renewed with C&amp;W Department for the current financial year in the Field of Highway works.</p> <p>Tender documents can be obtained after publishing of this advertisement from the office of the undersigned Highways Division, Rahim Yar Khan Opposite Sheikh Zayed Public School, Rahim Yar Khan, upon written request accompanied with attested copies of PEC license of 2023-24, Professional Tax 2023-24, computerized National Identity Card of contractor / managing partner / director of the firm alongwith registered power of attorney and on payment of prescribed tender fee in the shape of original Bank Chaitan form 32-A in the National Bank of Pakistan Main Branch, Rahim Yar Khan under Head of Account C-02716 others / Project Center WK-RN01 in favour of Executive Engineer, Highways Division, Rahim Yar Khan:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Bahawalpur.</li> <li>2. Chief Engineer (South) Punjab Highway Department Lahore.</li> <li>3. Superintending Engineer Highway Circle Bahawalpur.</li> <li>4. Deputy Commissioner Rahimyar Khan.</li> <li>5. Executive Engineer Highways Division Rahimyar Khan.</li> <li>6. Assistant Commissioner, Rahimyar Khan.</li> </ol> <p>Tendered rates and amounts should be filled in figures as well as in words and tenders should be signed as per general directions given in the tender documents. No rebate on tendered rates will be acceptable.</p> <p>Tenders will be received in the office of Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Bahawalpur upto 12:30 (PM) and will be opened at 01:00 (PM) on fixed date by the respective Tenders Opening Committee at the above venue in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives.</p> <p>The Conditional tenders and tenders not accompanied with earnest money @ 2% of the estimated price at per PPRA rules 27 in shape of CDR / Bank Draft / Cashier's Cheque of any scheduled Bank in favor of Executive Engineer, Highways Division, Rahim Yar Khan and attested copies of registered partnership deed and power of attorney in case of firms will not be entertained.</p> <p>For receiving/issuance of tenders, owner/proprietor of firm either come himself or can get from his representative with original registered or special power of attorney as per prescribed rules/agreement. Power of attorney on firm or contractor's letter pad shall not be acceptable. The tender will be issued from the date of advertisement to the last date of issuance i.e 27.02.2024 during office hours on payment of prescribed tender fee in the shape of original Bank Chaitan form 32-A. After office hours on 27.02.2024, neither any tender will be issued nor will any complaint regarding issuance of tender be accepted at any forum.</p> <p>The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposal as per PPRA Rule 35 (Rejection of Bids).</p>								
Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Price	T S No & Date	Tender Fee	Last date of application and issuance of tenders	Last date of opening of tenders	Last date of opening of tenders	Time limit
1	Construction Of Metalled Roads In New Model Fruit And Vegetable Market At Shahbazar Road Rahim Yar Khan	10.45.30.000/- 2% Estimated Price	C 6 (South) Punjab Highway Department Lahore under the 02716 of 20.12.2023	20000/-	26.02.2024	27.02.2024	29.02.2024	06 Months
Executive Engineer Highways Division Rahim Yar Khan			IPB-78		Superintending Engineer Highway Circle Bahawalpur			