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Section Officer (General),  
Government of the Punjab,  
Food Department,  
Lahore.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Section Officer (General), Government of the Punjab, Food Department's Tender Notice for Procurement of Various Items**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Nai Baat' Newspaper on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 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 04.09.2024, 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.*

Section Officer (General), Government of the Punjab, Food Department 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"

		GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB FOOD DEPARTMENT "TENDER NOTICE"			
Sealed Tenders are invited from Firms registered with the sales Tax, Income Tax, PMA, having sufficient managerial, Technical, Financial capabilities for the procurement / supply of the following items, for Financial Year 2024-25 through framework contract for official use in Food Department, Govt. of the Punjab, 44-Tips Block New Garden Town Lahore.					
Sr.#	Items	Estimated Cost of Tender All Lots in Million	Amount of CDR	Tender Submitted Upto	Tender Opening Schedule
01	Stationery Items (A03901)	29 Million Approx.	Rs. 5% of Tender Amount	04.09.2024 11:00AM	04.09.2024 11:30PM
02	Printing & Publication Items (A03902)				
03	Others Store Items (A03942)				
04	Computer Stationery (A03935)				
05	Others Items (A03979)				
06	Entertainment & Gifts (A06301)				
07	Hot & Cool (A03304)				
08	P.O. LT Equipment (A09203)				
09	P.O. Plant & Machinery (A09601)				
10	P.O. Furniture & Fixture (A09701)				
11	R.O. Transport (A13001)				
12	R.O. Machinery (A13101)				
13	R.O. Furniture & Fixture (A13201)				
14	R.O. Hardware (A13701)				
15	R.O. LT (A13703)				
16	P.O. Software (A2001)				
17	Uniform (A03906)				
18	P.O. Hardware (A09201)				
<p>1) Tender must be submitted through E-Pak Acquisition Disposal System (EPADS) <a href="http://epads.gov.pk/supplierregistration">http://epads.gov.pk/supplierregistration</a> before opening date of September 04, 2024 at 11:00AM and shall be opened by the Purchase / Evaluation Committee in the Commission room of Food Department on the 44-Tips Block New Garden Town Lahore same date at 11:30 am in the presence of bidders or their representative, who choose to attend.</p> <p>2) Procurement shall be governed under the Punjab Procurement Rule 2014. All bidders must submit the Hard copy of Tender Documents strictly in accordance with term &amp; condition advertised by the procuring agency.</p> <p>3) According to Rule 38 (1) of PPPRA Rules, Single Stage One envelope bidding procedure will be applied.</p> <p>4) The bidder should quote the rates in PKR inclusive of GST / Income Tax and / or any applicable duty/ tax etc.</p> <p>5) Bidder must attach CDR in Pay Order / in the name of undersigned / from any schedule bank equal to 5% of the estimated of tender with their Financial Bid, latest. photocopy of the same must be attached with Technical Bid otherwise bid shall be rejected <u>irrevocably</u>. The cheque / cross cheque will be accepted in lieu of CDR.</p> <p>6) Tender containing over writing or crossing words / figures will not be entertained.</p> <p>7) All bids should be submitted in Top or ring binding. Bids with loose papers shall be rejected. All documents should contain paper marking, attached in sequence as indicated for evaluation in the bidding documents and signatures of authorized person. Moreover, signing and stamping of each page of bidding documents / form is mandatory.</p> <p>8) Only Lot wise Bids are accepted.</p> <p>9) Procuring agency may have right to increase or decrease the items or Quantity as per PPPRA Rule.</p> <p>10) In case the date of opening or last date of sale of tender documents is declared as a public holiday by the government or non-working day due to any reason, the next official working day shall be deemed to be the date of sale, submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same.</p>					
<b>SECTION OFFICER (GENERAL)</b> Government of the Punjab Food Department Ph. No. 042-99233076 IPL-7890					