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Section Officer (General) IPB-716,
Communication & Works Department (South Punjab),
Central Library Road, Near Old CMH Chowk,
Bahawalpur.
Ph # 0629250564

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 Section Officer (General) IPB-716
Communication & Works Department (South Punjab) Tender Notice For Supply of "General
Store and Miscellaneous Items"**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' Newspaper on 20th September, 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 20.09.2023, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, perhaps mistakenly mentioned such date which already passed and one year old that cause great inconvenience to the interested bidders. 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) IPB-716 Communication & Works Department (South Punjab) Bahawalpur is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue a 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 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 operates under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to the public to know how the government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three-member bench in the 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
COMMUNICATION & WORKS DEPARTMENT
SOUTH PUNJAB**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Communication & Works Department, Government of the Punjab, (South Punjab), Bahawalpur, invites sealed bids from interested firms / General Order Suppliers / Manufacturers for supply of following “General Store and Miscellaneous Items” under framework contract for the year 2023-24. Under the provisions of PPRA Rules, 2014 (amended Jan 2016). Tender bids, both Technical and Financial, in separately sealed envelopes, are invited from the registered Companies / Firms / Suppliers of the items mentioned below by 11:00 on 20.09.2023 Tender will be opened on the same day at 11:30 in the presence of bidders / their authorized representatives in the office of undersigned:-

Sr. #	Detail
1.	A03901-Stationary
2.	A03902-Printing & Publication
3.	A03942-Cost of Other Stores
4.	A03970-Others
5.	A09201-Hardware
6.	A09203-IT Equipment
7.	A09701-Purchase of Furniture and Fixture

- Bidding shall be conducted through Open Competitive Bidding (Single Stage-Two Envelope) procedures specified in the Punjab Procurement Rules PPRA 2014 (amended Jan 2016), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the bidding document.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain bidding documents and further information from the office of the undersigned on submission of written application alongwith payment of Tender Fee Rs.1000/- non-refundable of each item / Category; Bidding documents are available till 19.09.2023
- Interested firms are required to deposit bid security @ 5% of the total estimated value of bid in the name of Section Officer (General), C&W Department, South Punjab, Bahawalpur, in form of Bank Draft / Pay Order / CDR, failing which the bid shall be considered as non-responsive and shall be rejected.
- Bid documents are also available on Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority website (www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk) until the closing date for the submission of bids.
- Bidding Documents must be accompanied by Bid Security valid for 120 days as mentioned above in the form of CDR, Pay Order, Demand Draft, from a Scheduled Bank of Pakistan.
- The bidders are requested to give their best and final prices as non-negotiations are expected.
- Taxes will be deducted as per applicable government rules.
- NTN and Sales Tax Registration Certificate must be provided.
- Place of Submission of Bid: Office of Section Officer (General), C&W Department (South Punjab), Central Library Road, Near Old CMH Chowk, Bahawalpur.

For obtaining any further information or clarifications, please contact at the following:

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