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Director General,
Agriculture Extension,
Quetta.

Subject: Violation of Balochistan Public Procurement Rules 2014, Superintendent, Director General, Agriculture Extension, Quetta's Tender Notice for Procurement for Engineering Research and Technology Based Services

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' Newspaper on 17 May, 2025. The said advertisement is in violation of The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule No. 16 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 28-05-2025, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is three (3) days less. It is a violation of The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule No. 16. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

> ***16. Response Time.***— *(1) Response time which shall not be less than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or uploading on the website, as the case may be, in case of National Competitive Bidding; and shall not be less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or uploading on the website, in case of International Competitive Bidding:*

Director General, Agriculture Extension, Quetta is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014, to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 57.

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

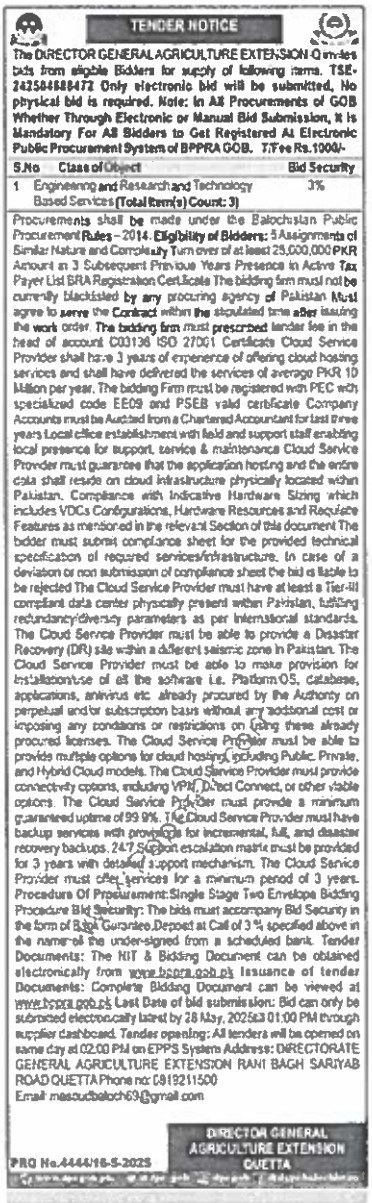
Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
2. Managing Director, Balochistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Quetta.

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

The DIRECTOR GENERAL AGRICULTURE EXTENSION Quetta invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following items. TSE-242584888472 Only electronic bid will be submitted, No physical bid is required. Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, it is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. T/Fee Rs.1000/-

S.No	Class of Object	Bid Security
1	Engineering and Research and Technology Based Services **(Total Item(s) Count: 3)**	3%

Procurements shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement **Rules** – 2014. **Eligibility of Bidders:** 5 Assignments of Similar Nature and Complexity Turn over of at least 25,000,000 PKR Amount in 3 Subsequent Previous Years Presence in Active Tax Payer List BRA Registration Certificate The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan Must agree to serve the **Contract** within the stipulated time after issuing the work order. **The bidding firm** must **prescribed** tender fee in the head of account C03136 ISO 27001 Certificate Cloud Service Provider shall have 3 years of experience of offering cloud hosting services and shall have delivered the services of average PKR 10 Million per year. The bidding Firm must be registered with PEC with specialized code EE09 and PSEB valid certificate Company Accounts must be Audited from a Chartered Accountant for last three years Local office establishment with field and support staff enabling local presence for support, service & maintenance Cloud Service Provider must guarantee that the application hosting and the entire data shall reside on cloud infrastructure physically located within Pakistan. Compliance with Indicative Hardware Sizing which includes VDCs Configurations, Hardware Resources and Requisite Features as mentioned in the relevant Section of this document The bidder must submit compliance sheet for the provided technical specification of required services/infrastructure. In case of a deviation or non submission of compliance sheet the bid is liable to be rejected The Cloud Service Provider must have at least a Tier-III compliant data center physically present within Pakistan, fulfilling redundancy/diversity parameters as per international standards. The Cloud Service Provider must be able to provide a Disaster Recovery (DR) site within a different seismic zone in Pakistan. The Cloud Service Provider must be able to make provision for installation/use of all the software i.e. Platform OS, database, applications, antivirus etc. already procured by the Authority on perpetual and/or subscription basis without any additional cost or imposing any conditions or restrictions on using these already procured licenses. The Cloud Service Provider must be able to provide multiple options for cloud hosting, including Public, Private, and Hybrid Cloud models. The Cloud Service Provider must provide connectivity options, including VPN, Direct Connect, or other viable options. The Cloud Service Provider must provide a minimum guaranteed uptime of 99.9%. The Cloud Service Provider must have backup services with provisions for incremental, full, and disaster recovery backups. 24/7 Support escalation matrix must be provided for 3 years with detailed support mechanism. The Cloud Service Provider must offer services for a minimum period of 3 years. **Procedure Of Procurement:** Single Stage Two Envelope Bidding Procedure **Bid Security:** The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee,Deposit at Call of 3 % specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT & Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from www.bppra.gob.pk Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at www.bppra.gob.pk Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 28 May, 2025@ 01:00 PM through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day at 02:00 PM on EPPS System Address: DIRECTORATE GENERAL AGRICULTURE EXTENSION RANI BAGH SARIYAB ROAD QUETTA Phone no: 081921 1500 Email: masoudbaloch63@gmail.com

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