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Managing Director, Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA), Government of Sindh, Karachi.

Subject: <u>Violation of SPPRA Rules 2010, Incharge (Procurement), Sindh Technical Education</u>
& Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA), Karachi's Tender Notice for Procurement for
Miscellaneous Items.

Dear Sir.

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 4th February, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Sindh Public Procurement Rules 2010, Rule 18(2) 'Response Time'.

In the said notice, 15 days of response time is not given as the submission/ opening of bids is kept on 13.12.2023 which is five (5) days less and does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time as per Rules. Hence, it is a violation SPPRA Rules 2010, Rule No. 18(2).

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

18. Response time.— (2) Subject to sub-rule (1), the response time shall not be less than fifteen calendar days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or hoisting in the website, as the case may be, in case of National Competitive Bidding, and shall not be less than forty five days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or hoisting on the website, as provided in Rule 17 (6), in case of International Competitive Bidding;

Managing Director, STEVTA is requested to issue directives to Incharge (Procurement), to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with SPPRA Rules 2010 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 56.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which the only way to stop corruption, and achieve against Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards.

Advocate Damyal 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 Sindh Karachi.
- 2. Managing Director, SPPRA, Karachi.



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"



EMPLOYMENT THROUGH SKILL

Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA)



Government of Sindh

IVITATION OF BID

Sealed bids (Package-wise) are invited from reputed/established firms/ suppliers/contractors, registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax authorities. for Procurement of I.T. Equipment, Network Equipment, Installation of CCTV for STEVTA Headquarter and Institutes, Karachi.

Estimated value of goods to be procured:	Rs. 35,00 million.
Procedure of Bidding:	Single Stage — Two Envelopes
Cost of Bldding Document:	Rs.2,000v- in form(o) PO/DD.
Bld Security in the form of PO/DD;	5% of total bid value
Tender Document Collection (Starting Date):	Holsting/Publication of Notice.
Tender Document Collection (Ending Date):	13-02-2024.
Tender Document Submission Date & Time:	13-02-2024 up till 02:30 P.M.
Tender/Bld Opening Date & Time	13-02-2024 at 03:00 P.M.

DOCUMENTS COLLECTION

Tender documents can be downloaded from SPPRA/STEVTA website or can be obtained on submission of a written request on company letterhead, during office working hours, on payment of Tender document Cost Rs.2000/- (non-refundable/non-transferable) in form of PO/DD in favor of "Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority" from the below address:

Incharge (Procurement)

Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA) Street-19, Block-6, Gulshan-e-Iqbal,

Near NIPA Chowrangl, Karnchi, Ph. 99244112-7.

Sealed bids with necessary attachments accompanied by the Bid Security should be dropped in Tender Box, marked "Procurement" & (tender title) at Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority, Street-19, Block-6, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Near NIPA Chowrangi, Karachi, on the tender document submission date and time.

- Bid opening procedure will be based on Single Stage Two Envelopes method (containing two separate envelopes inside). One envelope shall contain Technical Proposal containing complete material specifications, company profile, NTN and GST Certificate of the company or any other information required in deemed necessary, whereas the other envelope shall contain the financial bld. The envelopes should clearly be marked as "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" in bold legible letters. These two envelopes, in turn, shall be sealed in an outer envelope bearing the address and information indicated in the Data Sheel. The tender name and package (applied for) should clearly be written / marked on envelope.
- The blds will be opened on the aforementioned date & time in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives, Initially only Technical Proposals shall be opened.
- The proposal shall be in book binding form, properly page numbered (Loose, ring and spiral binding shall not acceptable). Each proposal shall be in a separate envelope as appropriate. A damaged / tern financial proposal envelope shall not be entertained and would be considered for disqualification.
- STEVTA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, subject to relevant provisions of Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010 (amended 2019).

Incharge (Procurement)

INF-KRY No. 296/2024

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