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Divisional Head Operations,
Bank of Azad Jammu & Kashmir,
Head Office,
Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

Subject: Violation of AJ&K PPRA Rules 2017, Divisional Head Operations, Bank of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Head Office, Muzaffarabad's Tender Notice for Security Services.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 5th January, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of AJ&K Public Procurement Rules, 2017, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 09.01.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is nine (9) days less. It is a violation of AJ&K PPRA Rules 2017, Rule 13. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

13. Response time.-(1) The Procuring Agency may decide the response time for receipt of Bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under 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. All advertisements or notices shall expressly mention the response time allowed for that particular procurement along with the information for collection of Bid documents which shall be issued till a given date, allowing sufficient time to complete and submit the Bid by the closing date: Provided that no time limit shall be applicable in case of Emergency.

(2) The response time shall be calculated from the date of first publication of the advertisement in a newspaper or posting on the web site, as the case may be.

Divisional Head Operations, Bank of AJK is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with AJ&K PPRA Rules 2017 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

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, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
2. Managing Director, AJK PPRA, Azad Jammu and Kashmir.



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”



Bank of Azad Jammu & Kashmir

TENDER NOTICE FOR SERVICES

Bank of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is a fast growing commercial Bank having its operations in Azad Jammu & Kashmir with a network of 85 branches. The Bank intends to outsource the **Security Services for its Branches and Offices for the year 2024-25** under AJK PPRA Rules 2017 on **"Single Stage - Two Envelope Bidding Process"** on following terms and conditions:

- The detailed scope of work is mentioned in the bidding documents/RFP.
- Bidding documents will be immediately available after this publication and may be obtained on payment of **Rs. 2,000/- (Non-Refundable)** in the name of **"Bank of AJK"** in shape of GDR, on the name of Bank of AJ&K, against written request on any working day (Monday to Friday) between 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM on or before **09-01-2024** from the office of Establishment Section, Operations Division, Head Office Bank Square Chatter, Dornel Muzaffarabad AJ&K.
- The bid security, **Rs. 200,000/-** of the cost of bid must be submitted in the form of CDR/pay order/demand draft/banker's cheque in the name of Bank of AJK. No tender will be accepted without Bid Security and such tender(s) will be rejected out rightly.
- Incomplete/conditional bid bearing cutting/over writing without authentication will not be considered.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or **10-01-2024 at 3:30 PM.**
- Bid opening will be held on **10-01-2024 at 4:00 PM.**
- Price must be quoted inclusive of all taxes.
- Blacklisted Firms / Companies / Suppliers / Distributors / Contractors / Bidders are prohibited from participation. All bidders shall furnish an affidavit/Certificate that they are neither blacklisted nor in conflict with Government anywhere in territory of the State of the AJK, Federally Administrated Areas or Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- Evaluation report/award of contract shall also be displayed at AJK PPRA Website.
- Valid NTN/GST Registration Certificate required with the bid.
- Minimum wage rate must be observed as per Govt. Law.
- Bank of AJK having its Head Office at Muzaffarabad and 4 regions (Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, Mirpur and Kolti) including 85 branches all over AJK. The bank reserves the right to assign the project to a single company or assign region wise to multiple companies.
- The Committee reserves right to accept or reject any or all the bids as per AJKPPRA Rules 2017.
- This advertisement is uploaded on both websites of AJKPPRA (www.ajkppra.gov.pk) and BAJK (www.bankajk.com).
- Bank will not be responsible for any cost incurred in submission of documents.
- Address for submission/venue of opening of Tender Documents are as under:

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