



11th December, 2023

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Director (Admin),
Public Service Commission,
Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir.

**Subject: Violation of AJ&K PPRA Rules 2017, Director (Admin), Public Service Commission,
Muzaffarabad's Tender Notice for Supply of Miscellaneous Items.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Khabrain' newspaper on 5th December, 2023. 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 15th December, 2023, which does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is four (4) days less. It is a violation of AJ&K PPRA Rules 2017, Rule 13; 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.

Director (Admin), Public Service Commission, Muzaffarabad is requested to rectify the violation 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”



**AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MUZAFFARABAD**

Tender Notice

Azad Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission invites sealed bids on "Single stage-one envelop" procedure from the authorized distributors/general order suppliers located in Muzaffarabad city from General Sales Tax registered firms for the supply of stationary items, tools and computer consumable items for the Financial year 2023-2024 under the following conditions:-

- i. Tenders shall reach at the office of Director (Admin) AJK PSC, Muzaffarabad near New Prime Minister House, on or before **December 15th, 2023** up to 11:00 am. Bids shall be opened on same date at 11:30 hrs. by the purchase committee in the presence of bidders or their representative who will present at that moment;
- ii. The rate quoted shall remain valid up to June 30, 2024 and will not be liable to revision till expiry of this period;
- iii. Supplier shall ensure that all the supplied items are in accordance with the specifications and relevant samples provided by him at the time of submission of tender;
- iv. A bid Security of Rs. 90000/- in shape of CDR ~~and~~ in favor of DDO AJKPSC Account # 1840-1 National Bank Main Branch Muzaffarabad must be accompanied with the bids. Call deposits of successful bidders will be retained in DDO account till 30-06-2024 as security. The bids without security shall be rejected at the spot;
- v. The successful bidders shall ensure that they will supply the stationary items as and when required by the procuring agency (AJK PSC);
- vi. The list of stationary items may be obtained from Admin and Accounts Section of AJKPSC during office hours i.e. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm up to **December 14th, 2023**;
- vii. The payment shall be made through cross cheque after deduction of all prevailing taxes as in vogue in AJK;
- viii. The competent authority may reject any or all bids at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid and also decrease/increase the number of items as per AJK PPRA Rules, 2017;
- ix. Distributor/ all bidders shall furnish an affidavit/certificate that they are neither blacklisted nor in conflict with the Govt. anywhere in the territory of the State of AJK;
- x. Evaluation report/ award of contract shall display at AJK PPRA website;
- xi. The advertisement is available on AJK PPRA website at www.pjppra.gov.pk, as well as AJKPSC website at www.ajkpsc.gov.pk.

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