



4<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

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Deputy Commissioner,  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,  
District Neelum,  
Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

**Subject: Violation of AJ&K PPRA Rules 2017, Deputy Commissioner, Azad Government The State of Jammu & Kashmir, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Neelum's Tender Notice for Supply of Vehicle.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Nawaiwaqt' newspaper on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 05.01.2024, 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;

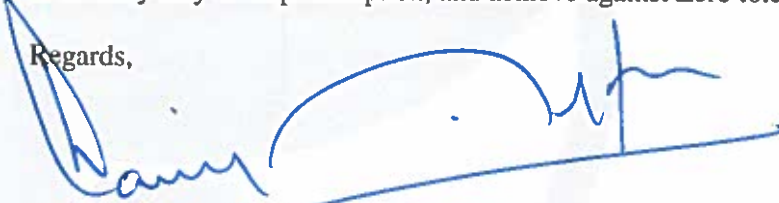
*13. Response time.-(1) The Procuring Agency may decide the response time for receipt of Bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, 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.*

Deputy Commissioner, district Neelum 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”



**AZAD GOVERNMENT THE STATE  
OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NEELUM)**

**INVITATION TO BIDS**

1. The Employer "Deputy Commissioner District Neelum" invites sealed bids only from eligible authorized dealers (having registration GST and Income Tax department GOAJK in respective field for the following works.

Sr No	Name of Item	Quantity
1	Supply of Vehicle Tyre Revo Model 2022	Detail Can be obtained from office

2. Further detail / specifications of above mentioned works can be obtained from office of Deputy Commissioner at Athmuqam District Neelum. (PH: 05821-920001)

3. All bids must be deliver to the office Deputy Commissioner at Athmuqam District Neelum at or before 11:00 Hrs dated 05-01-2024 Quotations will be opened at 12:00 Hrs on the same day in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who chose to attend at the same address.

4. Incomplete and conditional offers shall not be entertained.

5. All prevailing taxes levied in AJ&K will be deducted from the quoted rates.

6. Bids will be issued only to those interested bidders who will furnish proof of the eligible authorized dealers in respective category.

**Deputy Commissioner  
Neelum**

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