

18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

TL2023/1018/1A

Chairman,  
Balochistan Textbook Board,  
Quetta.

**Subject: Violation of BPPRA Rules 2014, Chairman, Balochistan Textbook Board, Quetta's  
Tender Notice for Procurement of Supply of Stationery.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of 'The Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014', Rule No. 16 (Response Time).

In the said tender notice, 15 days of response time is not given as the submission/ opening of bids is on 20-10-23, which is eight (8) days less and does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time as per BPPRA Rules 2014. Hence, it is a violation BPPRA Rules 2014, Rule No. 16.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

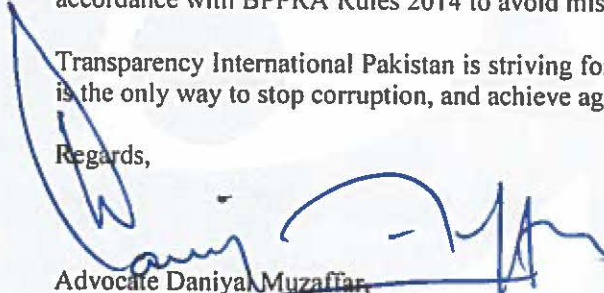
*16. Response Time.— (1) Response time which shall not be less than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or uploading on the website, as the case may be, in case of National Competitive Bidding; and shall not be less than thirty (30) days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

*Provided that Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) shall be hoisted on Authority' website in case of procurement up to rupees two million (Rs.2,000,000/-) and published in newspapers in case of over two million on or before the date of issuance of bidding documents*

Chairman, Balochistan Textbook Board is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with BPPRA Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement.

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 Daniya Muzaffar,  
Trustee/Legal Advisor  
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Caretaker Chief Minister, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
3. MD, BPPRA Balochistan, Quetta.



TI Pakistan act as 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, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in his landmark judgment in case of Ataulah Malik v. Federation of Pakistan includes following order;

Right to information is another corrective tool which allows public access to the working and decision making of the public authorities. It opens the working of public administration to public scrutiny. This necessitates transparent and structured exercise of discretion by the public functionaries. Article 19-A empowers the civil society of this country to seek information from public institutions and hold them answerable. PLD 2010 Lahore 605.

<b>TENDER NOTICE</b>		
<p><b>Note:</b> 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. Only electronic bid will be submitted. No physical bid is required. The Chairman Balochistan Textbook Board, Quetta invites Bids from Eligible Bidders (Publishers / Printers) for the Supply of Textbooks (Free &amp; Sale) from Class Kachi to XII and ALP textbooks with teacher guides for the academic year 2024 through (04) four tenders of similar nature having TSE NOs. (TSE-232410355961 for Package A, TSE-232410356201 for Package B, TSE-232410356071 for Package C &amp; TSE-232410356241 for Package D). Tender Fee Rs.1000/-</p>		
S.No.	Class of Object	Bid Security
1	Stationery (Textbooks Class Kachi to XII)	2%
<p>Procurement shall be made under the Balochistan Public Procurement Rules – 2014. Eligibility of Bidders; a. 3 assignments of similar Nature and Complexity 150,000,000 in Previous 3 b. Turn over of at least 150,000,000 PKR in 3 Subsequent Previous Years. c. Presence in Active Tax Payer List. d. Sale Tax Certificate. e. The bidding firm must not be currently blacklisted by any procuring agency of Pakistan. f. Submission of the required Bid Security in case Bid Security is not found as required during financial evaluation the bidding firm shall be declared as in-eligible and non-responsive. g. Submission of the required Bidding document Fee. h. The firm is only Publisher then attach General Books with list / required Textbooks at least 2,000 pages with copy of NOC from Concerned Department. In case the firm is only Printer, staff of printing press must be registered in Labor Department under Factories Act 1984 and also staff must be registered in the office of Employees of Old Age &amp; Benefits. The printer must provide the pay bill &amp; bank statements with CNIC of employees and Press Declaration Certificate assured from DC where printing press. i. (1) At least Twelve (12) Four Color Machines sheet feed (minimum size 20x30 and model not less than 1980). (2) At least Ten (10) Automatic Paper Folder and Gathering Machines. (3) At least Twelve (12) Hot Melt Glue Machines. In case of Five Clamp &amp; above Six (6) Machines required with 8 hour binding speed. (NOTE: In case of publisher having no printing press and in case of printer having no recent printing machines can hire printing &amp; binding machines. In case the same firm qualify for more than one bids, then same number of separate machines for each bid are required. j. Sample of Printing Paper &amp; Bux Board for each manufacture (10 Sheets only) and certificate of specifications from the manufacturer with seal and signature Recycled paper not accepted. k. Test Fee Rs. 10,000 each (not refundable) for paper &amp; bux board sample of each manufacture in shape of pay order. l. Submit the Bid Security with Technical bid at the rate of 2% of the Estimated Cost of bid in the shape of call deposit with Technical Bid. m. Must unconditionally agree with all the instructions, terms &amp; conditions specified in the bidding documents &amp; contract agreement. Procedure of Procurement: Single Stage Two Envelop Bidding Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit of 2% specified above in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: The NIT &amp; Bidding Document can be obtained electronically from <a href="http://www.bppra.gob.pk">www.bppra.gob.pk</a> (TSE-232410355961 for Package A, TSE-232410356201 for Package B, TSE-232410356071 for Package C &amp; TSE-232410356241 for Package D). Issuance of tender Documents: Complete Bidding Document can be viewed at <a href="http://www.bppra.gob.pk">www.bppra.gob.pk</a>. The tender documents specialty contract agreement and special condition of bid may please be read carefully before submitting the bids. Last Date of bid submission: Bid can only be submitted electronically latest by 20/10/2023 through supplier dashboard. Tender opening: All tenders will be opened on same day on EPPS System. Ph # 081-2470501, 2470503 Email: <a href="mailto:btbb_quetta@yahoo.com">btbb_quetta@yahoo.com</a></p>		
<p>AB No.132/05-10-2023  <b>CHAIRMAN BALOCHISTAN TEXTBOOK BOARD, QUETTA</b>  <b>GULSHAN-E-ISLAM COLONY, NEAR TARIQ HOSPITAL, SARIAB</b>  <b>ROAD QUETTA.</b></p>		
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