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Executive Engineer Public Health ENGG: Division Dir Upper, Upper Dir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Subject: Violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Dir Upper's Tender Notice for Emergency Restoration of Flood Damaged Drinking Water Supply Schemes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Non-ADP (2022-23)

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Mashriq' Newspaper on 09 June, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule No. 34 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 12-06-2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is twelve (12) days less. It is a violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule 34. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

34. Response time.--(1) The procuring entity 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 contract's complexity, 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 in the national newspaper.

Incase of an emergency procurement, the approval from the head of the department is required as per Section 3(2) of the KPPRA Rules, 2014. Should the procurement not qualify as an emergency as per the stipulated criteria, the response time must fulfill the fifteen days criteria.

Executive Engineer Public Health ENGG: Division Dir Upper is requested to check compliance in accordance with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, and if found correct, rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum 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.

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

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

 Managing Director, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Peshawar.



Note:

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"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"

