



2nd January, 2024

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Chief Engineer,
Office of the Chief Engineer,
Traffic Engineering & Transport Planning Agency (TEPA), LDA,
Lahore.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chief Engineer, Traffic Engineering & Transport Planning Agency (TEPA), LDA, Lahore's Expression of Interest (EOI) Notice for Public Bicycle Sharing Sytem.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'The Nation' newspaper on 23rd December' 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 35 'Rejection of bids'.

In the said notice, it is stated that; "*Chief Engineer, TEPA reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.*"

As per the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, the procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder who submitted a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection although it is not required to justify those grounds. Hence, it is a violation of Rule No. 35 of the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

35. Rejection of bids.– (1) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.

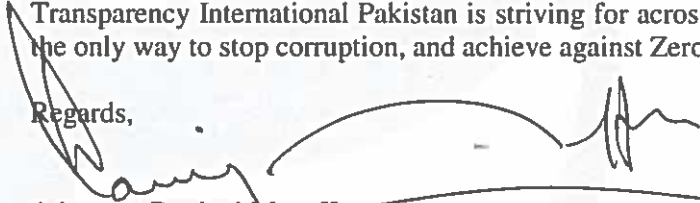
(2) The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but shall not be required to justify those grounds.

(4) The bidders shall be promptly informed about the rejection of the bids, if any.

Chief Engineer, TEPA, LDA is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 69.

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. Caretaker Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
3. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.
4. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore.



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”

 TEPA	<p align="center">TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT PLANNING AGENCY (TEPA), LDA</p> <p align="center">LAHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</p>
<p align="center">EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)</p> <p align="center">PUBLIC BICYCLE SHARING SYSTEM (HYBRID / MANUAL)</p>	
<p>Traffic Engineering & Transport Planning Agency (TEPA), LDA is implementing the globally accepted environmental friendly techniques for smooth traffic circulation, reduction in congestion and emissions. Our goal is to establish a reliable, eco-friendly, and user-friendly Public Bicycle Sharing System (PBS). This system will enhance urban mobility, reduce traffic congestion, contribute to our city's environmental goals. This initiative is part of our commitment to sustainable urban transport and improving the city environment. TEPA intends to carry out the project in phases.</p>	
<p>Traffic Engineering and Transport Planning Agency (TEPA), LDA is soliciting Expression of Interest for Pre-Qualification of well reputed companies, firms or associations to for the development and operation of a comprehensive Public Bicycle Sharing System at designated points of Lahore as Joint Venture Partner, on profit sharing basis. TEPA will provide the Docking Station Sites and Road Infrastructure of Cycle Track alongwith the Mobile Software Application</p>	
<p>Scope of Project: The project will involve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision, operation and maintenance of high-quality bicycles. • Establishment of a network of strategically located docking stations. • Integration of a digital platform for bicycle tracking, rental, and user management. 	
<p>The Private Partner(s) can be a sole proprietor firm, company or association that have or can bring together the different skills and resources required to successfully undertake the project. The detailed parameters of the project will be specified at the RFP stage.</p>	
<p>For pre-qualification, interested companies are requested to submit the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covering letter on the letterhead • A comprehensive company profile. • Contact information with email address, phone number, mobile number, postal address of the office, alongwith the name of the authorized representative. • A detailed proposal outlining the approach to project implementation, including technological solutions. • A financial proposal including cost structure and funding model 	
<p>The Expression of Interest (EOI) must reach in a sealed envelope to the office of Chief Engineer, TEPA by 3:00 PM on or before the closing date i.e 11th January, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Chief Engineer, TEPA reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.</p>	
<p align="center">For further details, queries and submission of EOI, Please contact</p>	
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