



11<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

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Chief Engineer,  
Punjab Buildings Department (North Zone),  
Lahore.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Mianwali, Superintending Engineer, Buildings Circle, Sargodha, Punjab Buildings Department, Lahore's Tender Notice for Correctional Facilities and Reconstruction Works.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 25(7) 'Bidding documents'.

In the tender notice the fee for purchasing bidding document for work under S.r.No1 is given as Rs 20,000/-, which is a high amount. However as per Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 25(7), procuring agency shall provide a set of bidding documents to any supplier or contractor, on request and subject to payment of price, which means the cost of printing only. Hence, it is a violation Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No 25(7).

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*25. Bidding documents.-(7) The procuring agency shall, on payment of such fee as the procuring agency may determine keeping in view the cost of printing and provision of the documents, provide a set of bidding documents to the prospective bidders.*

Chief Engineer, Punjab Buildings Department is requested to issue directives to Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Mianwali and Superintending Engineer, Buildings Circle, Sargodha 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.



**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”

## PUNJAB BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

1. Sealed tenders based on item rates / percentage above or below on approved T S Estimate (DNIT) amount are hereby invited for the works mentioned below from the contractors / firms, enlisted / renewed with Pakistan Engineer Council in relevant category for current financial year 2023-24 in the field of relevant code of Buildings works (C.E. 10)
2. Tender documents can be obtained from the date of publication of invitation of bids in the newspaper from any of the below mentioned offices, upon written request accompanied with attested copies of PEC license, Identity Card of contractor / Managing Partner / Director of the firm along with registered power of attorney and on payment of prescribed tender fee in form of CDR/Bank Draft/Cashier's Cheque of any scheduled Bank of Pakistan
  - i) Chief Engineer Punjab Buildings Department (North Zone), Lahore
  - ii) Commissioner Sargodha Division Sargodha
  - iii) Superintending Engineer Buildings Circle Sargodha
  - iv) Deputy Commissioner, Mianwali
  - v) Executive Engineer Buildings Division Mianwali.
3. Tendered rates and amounts should be filled in figures as well as in words and tenders should be signed as per General Directions given in the tender documents. No rebate on tendered rates will be accepted.
4. Tenders will be received in the office of the Commissioner, Sargodha Division, Sargodha and Chief Engineer, Punjab Buildings Department (North Zone), Lahore and will be opened simultaneously on fixed date and time by the respective Tender Opening Committee at the above venues in the presence of intending contractors or their representatives who opt to be present.
5. Conditional tenders and tenders not accompanied with Earnest Money @2% of estimated cost in shape of CDR/Bank Draft/Cashier's Cheque of any scheduled Bank and attested copies of registered partnership deed and power of attorney in case of firms will not be entertained.
6. (i) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of bids or proposal  
(ii) The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but shall not require to justify those grounds.
7. All PPRA Rules shall be observed strictly.
  - i. Last date for submission of applications to purchase tender on 20.12.2023.
  - ii. Opening of Tender 23.12.2023 at 01:00 PM to 01:30 PM.

S. #	Name of Work	Estimated Cost / Earnest Money	T.S. No. & Date	Time Limit	Tender Fee
1	Correctional Facilities Revamping one at Central Jail (Non-Residential Portion) Mianwali	Rs. 282.234 (M) Rs. 5.645 (M)	CEBNZ/1411/D dated 16.10.2023	24 Months	Rs. 20000/-
2	Reconstruction of 2467 Rti Boundary Wall at Judicial Colony Mianwali	Rs. 25.813 (M) Rs. 0.517 (M)	S.E No. 2436 /DRG dated 05.09.2023	08 Months	Rs 10000/-

**Executive Engineer  
Buildings Division, Mianwali**

**Superintending Engineer  
Buildings Circle, Sargodha**

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