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Chief Executive Officer, District Education Authority, Government of Punjab, Gujranwala.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chief Executive Officer, District Education Authority, Gujranwala's Tender Notice for Purchase of Food Items

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dunya' newspaper on 6th September, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 33(1) 'Clarification of Bids'.

In the said tender notice, under point No. 13, it is stated that; "Supply order is subject to increase or decrease the quantity of students."

However according to Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, No 33(1); "Clarification of bids" it clearly mentioned that the bidder shall not be allowed to alter or modify his bid after the submission of bids. In case the procuring agency makes alterations or changes to the bid it will impact the bidder's bid. Hence it is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, No 33(1). Quoted below for your reference;

- 33. Clarification of bids.— (1) No bidder shall be allowed to alter or modify his bid after the closing time for the submission of the bids.
- (2) The procuring agency may, if necessary after the opening of the bids, seek and accept such clarifications of the bid as do not change the substance of the bid.
- (3) Any request for clarification in the bid, made by the procuring agency and its response, shall invariably be in writing.

CEO, District Education Authority is requested rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 69.

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Regards

Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,

Trustee/Legal Advisor

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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.



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