



2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024

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Deputy Commissioner Jhang/ Chairman JET,  
Office of Deputy Commissioner,  
District Jhang, Punjab.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Chairman Jhang Educational Trust/  
Deputy Commissioner Office, Chenab College Athara Hazari, Jhang's Tender Notice for  
Construction Works.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' newspaper on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

1. In the said tender notice, 15 days of response time is not given as the submission/ opening of bids is on 09-02-2024, which is three (3) days less and does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time as per Punjab Procurement Rules 2014. Hence, it is a violation of Rule No. 14 of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*14. Response time.— (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for prequalification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice keeping in view the complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in 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.*

2. Also, in the notice, it is stated under p.no. 6, that; "Deputy Commissioner Jhang/ Chairman JET reserves the right to accept any or cancel/reject all offers without assigning any reason thereof."

As per the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 35 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.

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.*

Deputy Commissioner Jhang/ Chairman JET, 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"

CHENAB COLLEGE ATHARA HAZARI, JHANG				
TENDER NOTICE				
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABDULLAH KHAN SUMBAL ACADEMIC BLOCK IN CHENAB COLLEGE 18-HAZARI, JHANG" (LABOUR RATE ON SQUARE FOOT BASIS)				
1. Chenab College Athara Hazari, Jhang is an academic institute working under the surveillance of Deputy Commissioner Jhang / Chairman JET, which requires, Financial Proposals from the reputed firms for Construction of Abdullah Khan Sumbal Academic Block in Chenab College 18-Hazari, Jhang". The details is as under:-				
Sr. No	Description	Area Approximately	Tender Fee	Bid Security
1	Construction of Abdullah Khan Sumbal Academic Block in Chenab College 18-Hazari, Jhang"	8600 SqFt	10,000/-	200,000/-
2. Interested firms having relevant experience and qualification to perform the services on (LABOUR RATES ON SQUARE FOOT BASIS) are requested to submit the requisite documents.				
3. Bid security amount of Rs. 200,000/- should be attached with Bidding Documents in the shape of Demand Draft or Pay Order.				
4. Demand Draft/Pay Order of Bid security amount should be presented at the time of issuance of tender.				
5. The applicant will be disqualified, if at any stage, found that information submitted was either significantly misleading or incomplete.				
6. Deputy Commissioner Jhang / Chairman JET, reserves the right to accept any or cancel/reject all offers without assigning any reason thereof.				
7. Interested Firms/Bidders may purchase the Bidding Documents upto 07-02-2024 during working hours from office of Deputy Commissioner Jhang / Chairman JET.				
8. The Bidding Documents Fee is Rs. 10,000/- non-refundable.				
9. Completed Bids are to be submitted in the office of Deputy Commissioner Jhang / Chairman JET, by 09-02-2024 upto 02:00 PM. The envelopes containing Bids shall be opened on the same date (09-02-2024) at 02:30 PM in the office of Deputy Commissioner Jhang / Chairman JET, in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.				
CHAIRMAN JHANG EDUCATIONAL TRUST/ DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OFFICE JHANG				