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Director Production,
Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board (PCTB),
21/E-II, Gulberg III,
Lahore.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules-2014, Director Production,
Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board (PCTB), Lahore's Tender Notice for Procurement of
Jackets/Textbooks/SRM**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 03 March, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule No. 14 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 15.03.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (02) days less. It is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014, Rule 14. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

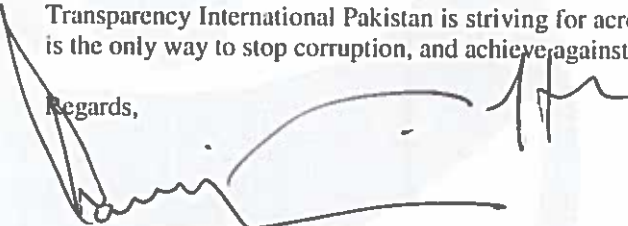
14. Response time.-- (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for prequalification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice keeping in view the complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in no circumstances, 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) The response time shall be calculated from the date of publication of the advertisement in a newspaper or on the website, whichever is later.

Director Production, Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board (PCTB) is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014, to avoid misprocurement 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,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
2. 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”



TENDER NOTICE

PROCUREMENT OF JACKETS/TEXTBOOKS/SRM FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25

Sealed bids are invited for printing, binding and supply of approximately 3 Million 'JACKETS/TEXTBOOKS/SRM' for the Academic Session 2024-25 from well reputed Printers Publishers / Firms / Companies / Group / Consortiums / AOPs/ Sole Proprietors etc. registered with Income Tax and Sales tax Departments possessing adequate experience in the relevant field and not currently blacklisted by the Procuring Agency. Each bidder shall submit Technical and Financial Bids in separate sealed envelopes giving full details as demanded in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD). Single Stage Two envelopes bidding procedure as per the Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules 2014, read with ancillary instructions shall be adopted. At first instance, Technical Bids shall be opened, and credentials of all bidders shall be evaluated through physical inspection of their stated sites / addresses as per prescribed technical evaluation criteria. Thereafter, the Financial Bids of technically qualified bidders shall be opened on a notified time, date and venue in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives. The procurement of good quality paper as per approved specifications mentioned in SBD is the responsibility of the bidder. The rates shall be inclusive of cost of paper, printing, binding and supply etc. at Lahore. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the address given below at 11:30 a.m. on 05.03.2024. Sealed bids shall be submitted at the given address on or before 15.03.2024 at 02:30 p.m. Technical bid will be opened on the same day at 3:00 p.m. in the presence of the bidders or authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids shall not be entertained. Bid Security @ 2% of the estimated price in Pak Rupees, as mentioned in the SBD, from any Scheduled Bank of Pakistan, should be attached with the Technical Proposal in the form of Call Deposit Receipt / Demand Draft / Pay Order in favor of PCTB, Lahore. Total estimated cost is Rs. 0.5 Billion. Late bids shall not be entertained. PCTB shall not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of bids. In case of official holiday on the day of submission, the next day will be considered as the last submission date. The SBD will be immediately available after the publication of this advertisement. Interested applicants may get the SBD from the office of Deputy Director (Procurement) PCTB on submission of a written application on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/-. However, a copy of SBD is also available on websites www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk & www.pctb.punjab.gov.com

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