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Director (Purchase) for Commissioner,
The Punjab Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI),
Lahore.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Director (Purchase) for Commissioner,
The Punjab Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI), Pre-qualification Notice for
Procurement of Quality Medicines.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'The Nation' newspaper on 8th 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 purchase of application forms is given as Rs 30,000/-, which is relatively a high amount. However as per Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 25(7), procuring agency shall provide a set of 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.

Director (Purchase) for Commissioner, PESSI 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. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore.
4. Chairman, Prime Minister's Inspection Commission,



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"

**THE PUNJAB EMPLOYEES' SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTION
(HEAD OFFICE)
3/A, Gulborg-V, Lahore.**

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS
(MANUFACTURER/SOLE AGENTS OF FOREIGN PRINCIPAL AND THEIR
FOREIGN PRINCIPALS) WITH PESSI**

The Punjab Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI) is committed to procure quality medicines for its Healthcare Facilities (PESSI Hospitals and Directorates). To materialize this commitment, PESSI invite applications for the pre-qualifications of Pharmaceutical Firms as Manufacturer, Sole Agent of Foreign Principals and Foreign Principals with PESSI having established credentials in terms of technical, financial and managerial capacities for supply of Medicines / Drugs including Medical Devices. The participating firm must be registered with Income Tax, Sales Tax, PRA (where applicable), DRAP and other all statutory bodies relating to Medicines / Drugs. The Pharmaceutical Firms as Manufacturer, Sole Agent of Foreign Principals and their Foreign Principals presently pre-qualified with PESSI having validity till 02.05.2025 need not to apply in the instant pre-qualification process, except for those sections / dosage forms which are currently not pre-qualified with PESSI.

The firms black listed by PESSI and Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority are not eligible for participation in pre-qualification.

The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Purchase Cell PESSI Head Office Lahore, during working hours from the date of publication of advertisement, on production of a written request and payment of Rs. 30,000/- (Non-refundable) as processing fee for pre-qualification with PESSI as Manufacturers, Sole Agents of Foreign Principals and separately for each Foreign Principal for its pre-qualification with PESSI. The pre-qualification Application Forms and Documents are also available on PPRA Website www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk and PESSI Website www.pessi.gov.pk.

Applications alongwith complete documents shall be submitted on or before 22.12.2023 till 11.00 A.M in the office of undersigned which shall be opened on same day i.e 22.12.2023 at 11:40 A.M. Incomplete and late submitted applications will not be entertained.

Process shall be governed by Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules 2014 (amended upto date).

DIRECTOR (PURCHASE) **IPL-10483**
For Commissioner
PUNJAB EMPLOYEES SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTION (PESSI)
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