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Executive Director,  
Engineering Wing,  
Ravi Urban Development Authority,  
Government of the Punjab,  
Lahore.

**Subject: Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Director, Engineering Wing, Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA), Lahore's Tender Notice for River Training Works & Barrages.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 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 is Rs 25,000/-, which is relatively a high amount. However as per Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No. 25(7), procuring agency shall provide a set of 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.*

Executive Director, Engineering Wing, RUDA 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 Danijal 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. CEO, Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA), Lahore.
4. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore.



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"

 <b>RAVI URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b> <b>GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB</b> <b>INVITATION FOR BIDS</b> 				
<p>Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA) intends to undertake the project of River Training Works under multiple Contract Packages at Ravi River in Lahore. The purpose of such development is to devise the improved flood controlling system, and build up future-proof sustainable riverfront for the people and the nature.</p> <p>RUDA therefore invites the sealed bids through single stage two envelope procedure from the eligible Contractors for the following Contract Packages:</p>				
Sr. No.	Name	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	Bid Submission Deadline	Amount of Bid Security in PKR
1	River Training Works (RTW) & Barrages Package-1A (R/S Embankment Upper Promenade) from RD 0+000 to 10+500 R/S	20/11/2023 11:00 AM	06/12/2023 11:00 AM	30,000,000
2	River Training Works (RTW) & Barrages Package-02 (0 to 3 km left embankment) Phase-01	07/12/2023 11:00 AM	21/12/2023 11:00 AM	75,000,000
<p><b>Conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bidding shall be conducted as per RUDA Procurement Regulations 2022.</li><li>Bidding is open to all eligible Bidders. Each bidder shall submit only one bid either by himself, or as a partner in a joint venture.</li><li>Interested Bidders may obtain further information, and inspect and acquire the Bidding Documents from the Office of the Executive Director Engineering, RUDA, situated at RUDA Sub-Office Gate # 14, National Hockey Stadium, Lahore.</li><li>Pre-Bid Meeting shall take place in Committee Room of RUDA Sub-Office Gate # 14, National Hockey Stadium, Lahore at the above mentioned dates.</li><li>All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amount mentioned above against the respective Contract Packages, in PKR. The Bid Security shall be, at the option of the bidder, in the form of Deposit at C&amp;I or a Bank Guarantee issued by a Scheduled Bank in Pakistan or from a foreign bank duly counter guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank in Pakistan or an insurance company having atleast AA rating from PACRA/JCR in favour of the Employer valid for a period 28 days beyond the Bid Validity Date.</li><li>A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by an interested bidder on submission of a written application to the above office and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 25,000/-.</li><li>The bid submission deadline for the Contract Packages is tabulated above. The bids shall be opened at 11:30 AM on the same day, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the same address.</li><li>The bids must be submitted / delivered to the address mentioned below by above mentioned submission deadlines.</li></ol>				
<p align="center"><b>Executive Director, Engineering Wing, IPL-9148</b> <b>Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA)</b> <b>RUDA Sub-Office Gate 14, National Hockey Stadium, Block E 2,</b> <b>Gulberg III, Postal Code 54770, Lahore. 042-99233229</b></p>				

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