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Executive Engineer, Malik Canal Division, District Bahawalnagar, Punjab.

Subject: <u>Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Engineer, Malik Canal</u>

<u>Division, Bahawalnagar's Tender Notice for Rehabilitation Works.</u>

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 4th January, 2024. 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 for work under S.r. No 2 is given as Rs 17,500/-, which is considerably 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 Engineer, Malik Canal Division, Bahawalnagar 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

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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.



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

Sealed bids are invited under PPRA Rules, 2014 as per item rates based on market rates system from 1st July 2023 to 31st December, 2023 for District Bahawai Nagar from the approved contractors of irrigation Department who have got their names enlisted / renewed in appropriate category for the current financial year 2023-24. The tenders will be received on 23-01-2024 at 12:00 noon and opened on 23-01-2024 at 12:30 P.M. in the office of the Executive Engineer Malik Canal Division Bahawai Nagar by Tenders Opening Committee in presence of contractors or their authorized agents.

CONDITIONS

- 1- Complete and correct postal address shall be given on the face of the tender form by the contractors.
- 2- Bid Security In shape of bank guarantee / deposit at call of any Scheduled Bank @3% of Estimated Cost will be attached, without which the tenders will not be issued/entertained. Deposit at call of non-scheduled bank will not be acceptable.
- 3- The tender forms / documents will be issued from the date of publication / uploading of tender notice on PPRA website upto 22-01-2024 during office hours.
- 4- The tenders will be issued only to those contractors or their authorized agents who will produce the Enlistment / Renewal, Engineering Counsel Certificate 2023-24, complete mailing address, copy of Professional Tax, CNIC, NTN and registration with PRA.
- 5- In case of representative of firm / company, an attested copy of power of attorney must be attached.
- 6- Schedule of quantities, specification, drawings etc can be seen during office hours in the office of the undersigned on any working day upto 22.01.2024.
- 7- Conditional tenders will not be accepted.
- 8- The Procuring Agency may reject all bids or proposal at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal. The Procuring Agency shall, upon request, communicate to any supplier or contractor who submitted a bid or proposal the grounds for rejection of all bids or proposals, but is not required to justify.
- The field test during execution of work to assure quality of material will also be performed under the arrangement of contractor.
- 10- Punjab Sales Tax (PST) will be applicable as per prescribed procedure.
- 11- The payment will be made atto clearance of Resident Engineer Third Party Monitoring NESPAK Office of the Executive Engineer Bahawalpur Canal Division Bahawalpur.
- 12- In case of tender amount is 5% or more less than 5% to the Technical Sanctioned Amount, the lowest bidder will have to deposit additional performance security as per Notification vide F.D.No.RO(Tech)FD:1-2/2010 dated 04.9.2012 prescribed therein.
- 13- Falling compliance of any of the above conditions, the tenders will be liable to be rejected.

Sr.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Sanctioned Estimate		3% Bld Security of Estimated	Tender Fee	Time
			No,	Date	Cost in Rs.	In As,	Period
1.	Rohabilitation/Strongthoning of Najeebwah Minor from RD. 44+900 to 50+000 L&H in Sinjiwah Sedion of Malik Canal Sub-Division.	4712581	C.E. BWP No. 10425-27	28-12-23	141377	2500	20 Days
2.	Rehabilitation of Chak Abdullah Minor from RD, 0+000 to 65+000 (Tall)	34606217	C.E. BWP No. 19485-87	29-12-23	1038247	17500	60 Days

Executive Engineer Malik Canal Division Bahawal Nagar