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Executive Engineer,
Buildings Division,
Sialkot.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Sialkot's Tender Notice for Correctional Facilities Revamping Program One at Central Jail Sialkot (NRP) ADP No.3716 for this year 2023-24.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 18 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 30 March, 2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is three (3) 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.

(3) The response time shall be calculated from the date of publication of the advertisement in a newspaper or on the website, whichever is later.

Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Sialkot is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement 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, Govt of Punjab, Lahore
2. Managing Director, Punjab Public 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

1. Sealed tenders based on item rates/percentage above or below on approved estimated (D.N.I.T) amount are hereby invited for the works mentioned below from the contractors / firms who qualify for bidding in accordance with C&W Department Notification No.SOB-III(C&W)2-11/78(2021-22) Dated 29.06.2022, during the current financial 2023-24 in the field of Buildings Works.
2. Tender documents can be obtained from the date of publication of Invitation to Bids in the newspapers from any of the below mentioned offices upon written request accompanied attested copies of valid PEC registration certificate in relevant category Identity Card of contractor / Managing Partner or Director of the firm along with registered power of attorney and on payment of prescribed Tender Fee in the form of CDR/Bank Draft/ Cashier Cheque of any scheduled Bank in favour of Executive Engineer Buildings Division Sialkot.
 1. Chief Engineer Punjab Buildings Department (North Zone) Lahore.
 2. Commissioner, Gujranwala Division Gujranwala.
 3. Superintending Engineer Buildings Circle No.2 Gujranwala,
 4. Deputy Commissioner, Sialkot.
 5. Executive Engineer, Buildings Division Sialkot.
 6. Deputy Director Development Sialkot.
3. The bidding documents are available in the office of the undersigned and the same can be obtained during office hours.
4. Tender rates and amount should be filled in figures as well as in words and tenders should be signed as per general directions given in the Tender Documents. No rebate on tendered rates will be acceptable.
5. Tenders will be received in the office of Superintending Engineer, Buildings Circle No.2, Gujranwala and will be opened simultaneously on fixed date and time by the respective Tenders Opening Committee at the above venue in presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives and who opt to be present.
6. Conditional tenders and tenders not accompanied Earnest Money @ 2% of the estimated cost in shape of CDR/Bank Draft/Cashier's Cheque of any scheduled Bank and attested copies of registered partnership deed and power of attorney in case of firms will not be entertained.
7. i) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of bid or proposal.
ii) For redressal of grievances the procuring agency has constituted a committee vide Superintending Engineer, Buildings Circle No.2 Gujranwala Office Order No.04/G Dated 30.11.2020 under Chapter-X Sr No.67 of PPRA Act. -

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (M) with Earnest Money @2%	T.S No. & Date	Tender Fee	Compl: Period	Last Date for Submission of Applications to Purchase of Tenders	Date & Time for Receipt/ Opening of Tenders
1	Correctional Facilities Revamping Program One of Central Jail Sialkot (NRP) ADP No.3710 for the year 2023-24	220.665 4599300/-	CE, BNZ Lh No. 211 Dt: 10/01/2024	200000/-	74 Months	23/03/2024	30/03/2024 01:00 PM & 01:30 PM

**Executive Engineer
Buildings Division
Sialkot**
(LHR-G)

**Superintending Engineer
Buildings Circle No.2,
Gujranwala**
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