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Office of the District & Sessions Judge,
Gujranwala.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Office of the District & Sessions Judge,
Gujranwala's Tender Notice for Procurement of the Furniture (Rs. 600,000), IT Items
(Rs. 1,07,50,000) and Machinery (Rs. 2,300,000)**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dunya' Newspaper on 10th June, 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 19.06.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is six (6) days less. It is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 14. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

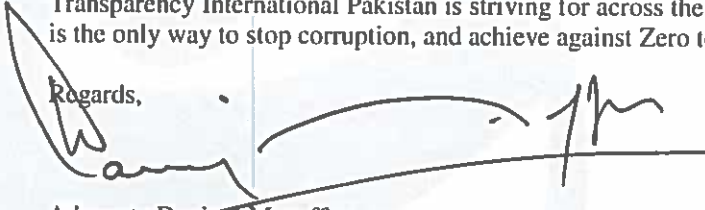
14. Response time.– (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for prequalification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice keeping in view the complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in no circumstances, 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.

Office of the District & Sessions Judge, Gujranwala 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. 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”

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
GUJRANWALA.**

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the sole distributors / authorized dealers registered with Sales Tax Department having NTN number for procurement of the Furniture (Rs 600,000), IT items (Rs 1,07,50,000) and Machinery (Rs 2,300,000).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Only Sales Tax and Income Tax Registered Firms are allowed to submit their Tender enclosed with their registration certificate. 2. All bids must reach in this office by registered post on or before 19.06.2024, till 11:00 AM and will be opened on same date i.e 19.06.2024 at 12:30 PM in the presence of bidders in the chamber of undersigned. 3. Tender form/ bidding documents can be purchased from the office of the District & Sessions Judge, Gujranwala, immediately from the date of publication, at the cost of Rs.200/- and Tender fee deposit in NBP through 32 A challan duly verified by District Accounts Officer non-refundable as tender fee. 4. Detail of work is available in tender documents. 5. The tender Notice and documents has been uploaded at PPRA site on 04.06.2024. The Tender is also available on PPRA as well as Procuring Agency's website <http://ppra.punjab.gov.pk> and <http://gujanwala.dc.lgc.gov.pk>.

**DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
GUJRANWALA**

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