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Procurement Department,
Punjab Skills Development Fund,
21A, H-Block, Dr. Mateen Fatima Road, Gulberg II,
Lahore.

**Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Procurement Department, Punjab Skills
Development Fund, Lahore's Tender Notice for Invitation to Bid for Provision of Software
Licenses for PSDF**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'The News' newspaper on 20th 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 April 01, 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.

Procurement Department, Punjab Skills Development Fund, Lahore is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid misprocurement 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, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
2. 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 Fazl 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”




Invitation to Bid for Provision of Software Licenses for PSDF

Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF) is the largest skills development fund in Pakistan, established in 2010 as a not-for-profit company set up by the Government of Punjab (GoPb). PSDF invites bids under single stage two envelopes bidding procedure from well-reputed, experienced and tax registered firms/companies against the above-mentioned supplies. The interested firms/companies can obtain the bidding document containing all details with its evaluation criteria and terms & conditions from PSDF e-tendering portal (<https://etender.psd.org.pk/esop/punjab/public/opportunity/current>) and PPRA website (www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk)

Sr. No.	Description	Procurement No.	Total Tenure of Contract	Bid Submission Deadline (Date & Time)	Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	Estimated Cost
1	Provision of Software Licenses for PSDF	ES5YIG7SDF SL	One Year (excluding the tender fee period)	April 01, 2024, by or before 02.00 PM	April 01, 2024, on 02:30 PM	PKR 6,700,000

For further details, bidding documents and terms of reference, please visit:

- etender.psd.org.pk/esop/punjab/public/opportunity/current
- PPRA website www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk

Important Information:

- Bids submitted only through E-Tender Portal shall be accepted while submission by other means shall be rejected. Late Bids shall be rejected.
- The Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who may choose to be present at the address below on the date and time stated above.
- In case of official holiday on the day of submission, next day will be treated as closing date (time of closing and opening of bid will remain the same).
- The bidding procedure shall be governed strictly in accordance with the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 through national competitive bidding procedure.



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