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Divisional Forest Officer,
Chichawatni Forest Division,
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer,
Chichawatni, District Sahiwal.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Divisional Forest Officer, Divisional Forest Office, Chichawatni, District Sahiwal's Tender Notice for Construction of Forest Rest House at Chichawatni, District Sahiwal.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 27th November, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 33(1) 'Clarification of Bids'.

In the said tender notice, under p.9, it is stated that; *"The Committee reserve the right to increase or decrease the quantity of items mentioned above at the time of opening of tenders."*

However according to Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, No 33(1); "Clarification of bids" it clearly mentioned that the bidder shall not be allowed to alter or modify his bid after the submission of bids. In case the procuring agency makes alterations or changes to the bid it will impact the bidder's bid. Hence it is a violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, No 33(1). Quoted below for your reference;

33. Clarification of bids.— (1) No bidder shall be allowed to alter or modify his bid after the closing time for the submission of the bids.

(2) The procuring agency may, if necessary after the opening of the bids, seek and accept such clarifications of the bid as do not change the substance of the bid.

(3) Any request for clarification in the bid, made by the procuring agency and its response, shall invariably be in writing.

Divisional Forest Officer, Chichawatni Forest Division 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 Adviser
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. 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				
Tenders are invited from Government Registered Firms/ Contractors having renewed Registration for the year 2023-24 from works and services Department Punjab, for the construction of Forest Rest House at Chichawatni District Sahiwal under "Poll Scheme Rehabilitation of Forest Rest Houses and Touring lodges" detail as under :-				
Sr. No.	Nature of work.	Estimated Cost.	Security	Time Period.
1.	Construction of Forest Rest House at Chichawatni District Sahiwal. 271:SP1	Rs. 19 527 Million.	Rs. 895350/-	90 Days.
CONDITIONS				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All works of execution by contractor will be notified in form of invitation to tender posted on board hung up in the office of DFO Chichawatni. 2. All bidders will have to produce 5% security deposit of the estimated cost in shape of CDR from the scheduled banks in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Chichawatni and sample of material to be supplied. 3. The Tender document will be issued only to ST/NTN Registered Firms / Contractors on submission of Registration documents copy of CNIC of owner of firm and application on firm letter pad. 4. The Tender documents can be obtained from the date of publication from the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chichawatni in office timing by depositing Rs. 5000/- (Non-refundable) as tender price upto 15-12-2023. 5. Sealed tenders will be received upto 18-12-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Chichawatni on single stage, single envelope procedure and will be opened on the same date at 12:00 Noon in the presence of all bidders or their authorized representatives by the tender opening committee in the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Chichawatni. 6. The Tenders without CDR or proper seal shall not be entertained. 7. Any offer not fulfilling any of the terms and conditions will be rejected. 8. The Tender rates / amount should be filled in figures as well as in words without over writing. 9. The Committee reserve the right to increase or decrease the quantity of items mentioned above at the time of opening tenders. 10. As per PPRA Rule 2014, Sr. No. 35, The Tender opening committee reserves the right to reject all the bids or proposal at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal however the grounds for the rejection of bids shall be communicated to the bidder upon his request. 11. No conditional Tender will be accepted. 				
NOTE:- Tender will be issued only to those who will fulfill the following criteria:-				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written request for issuance of tender from tender on letter pad of the company / firm addressed to Divisional Forest Officer, Chichawatni for concerned work. 2. Valid C.N.I.C copy of owner of Firm / Company Supplier. 3. Valid NTN No. with FBR clearance Certificate. 4. 5% CDR must be shown before the issuance of tender. 				
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