



10th January, 2024

TL2024/1001/IA

Medical Superintendent,
Allama Iqbal Teaching Hospital,
Dera Ghazi Khan,
Punjab.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Medical Superintendent, Allama Iqbal Teaching Hospital, Dera Ghazi Khan's Tender Notice for Repair/ Maintenance of Hospital Machinery.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your Letter No. Ref No: 14630/ P/S (A.I.T.H) dated 2-01-2024 reply to TI-Pakistan's letter No. TL2023/1226/3A dated 26th December, 2023 on the above mentioned subject (ANNEX- A).

Your reply giving clarification that; "The number of the equipment's may increase or decrease". The sentence was added on the request of biomedical Engineer of this hospital and the understanding behind the sentence is neither violation of any rules conduct nor went against any PPRA Rules in bidding documents. As per advertisement it was intention solely to convey constraint funds availability to avoid understanding, so that the award will be issued to the firm according to the advertised list in bidding documents as already published on PPRA Punjab website as per availability of funds. The procuring agency will not make the alternation or changed in the bidding documents."

It maybe be noted that Punjab Procurement Rules only allow modification in the quantity by not more than 15% which may also be clearly mentioned in the tender notice. Any alterations or changes to the bid will have financial implications on the submitted bids.

You are kindly requested to issue directives to the concerned department to clearly mention in future advertisements/ tenders for changing quantities to be done not more than 15% 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
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. 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”

INVITATION FOR BIDS (FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24)

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT OF REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITAL MACHINERY WITH PARTS FOR TEACHING HOSPITAL, D.G KHAN.

Management of Teaching Hospital Dera Ghazi Khan, invites tender/ bid for repair and Annual Maintenance Contract / One Time Repair with parts for DR X-Ray Machines U-Arm (Prefer to Sole authorized agent), Pathology lab equipment, Color Doppler, Diathermy, Patient / Cardiac Monitors, Digital Autoclave Machines, Ultrasound machines, Portable X-Ray Machines and Film Processors and others (detail of each equipment's is listed in bidding documents) from the firms having established credentials in terms of Technical, Financial and Managerial capabilities. The firm can participate at single equipment of package. Eligible bidders who are registered and have a good experience in service and maintenance of respective fields may get the bidding documents from the purchase section of this hospital on submission of written application along with the payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.3000/only during the working hours. A copy of bidding documents is also available on PPRA Punjab www.ppra.punjab.gov.pk or D.G. Khan Medical College Website (www.dgkmc.edu.pk).

- Single stage-two envelopes bidding procedure (A) Technical bid (B) Financial bid with clearly written, name of bidder and type of bid shall be applied.
- Sealed bids are required to be brought in person by the authorized representative of the interested bidders on 03-01-2024 at 10.30 am and will be opened on the same day at 11:00 am in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives. Late bids will be rejected.
- In case the date of opening or last date of sale of tender documents is declared as a public holiday by the Government or non-working day due to any reason, the next official working day shall be deemed to be the date of sale, submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same. The number of the equipment's may increase or decrease.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

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TEACHING HOSPITAL, D.G. KHAN

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No. / 14630 / P.S (A.I.T.H): Dated D.G. Khan 02/01/2024 *done!*

To

The Trusted / Legal Advisor
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Karachi

Subject: VIOLATION OF PUNJAB PROCUREMENT RULE 2014, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, TEACHING HOSPITAL DERA GHAZI KHAN'S TENDER NOTICE FOR REPAIR / MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITAL MACHINERY.

With reference to your good office letter No. TL2023/1226/3A, dated 26-12-2023 on the subject noted above.

The management of Allama Iqbal Teaching Hospital Dera Ghazi Khan advertised the tender for the Repair and Maintenance of the various equipment's (80 Nos of equipment's list attached) for the F.Y 2023-24 in the daily "Express" newspaper on 17-12-2023. In the said tender notice, in P.3, it is stated that "the number of equipment's may increase or decrease". The sentence was added on the request of biomedical Engineer of this hospital and the understanding behind the sentence is neither violation of any rules conduct nor went against any PPRA rules in bidding documents. As per advertisement it was intention solely to convey constraint funds availability to avoid misunderstanding, so that the award will be issued to the firm according to the advertised list in bidding documents as already published on PPRA Punjab website as per availability of funds. The procuring agency will not make the alternation or changes in the bidding documents. "Furthermore, the procuring agency have not received any grievances from the participated in this tender".

This is submitted for your kind information.

Sami Bishal
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
ALLAMA IQBAL TEACHING HOSPITAL,
DERA GHAZI KHAN

No. _____ / P.S A.I.T.H dated D.G. Khan _____ 2024

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3. The Chairman, Prim Minister Inspection Commission, D.G. Khan.