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Medical Superintendent,
Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Teaching Hospital,
Gujrat, Punjab.

Subject: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Medical Superintendent, Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Teaching Hospital, Gujrat's Pre-qualification Notice for Purchase of Miscellaneous Items.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' newspaper on 30th December 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule 17(1) 'Prequalification process'.

In the tender notice there is nothing mentioned about provision of pre-qualification document for the prospective bidders on request and subject to payment of price, which means the cost of printing only. Hence, it is a violation Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No 17(1).

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

17. Prequalification process.– (1) The procuring agency engaging in prequalification shall announce, in the prequalification documents, all information required for prequalification including instructions for preparation and submission of the prequalification documents, evaluation criteria, list of documentary evidence required by contractors to demonstrate their respective qualifications and any other information that the procuring agency deems necessary for prequalification.


(2) The procuring agency shall provide a set of prequalification documents to any contractor, on request and subject to payment of such price as the procuring agency may determine to defray the cost on account of printing and provision of the document.

Also, as per Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority's Tender Guidelines, The bidding/ pre-qualification document shall be made available to the interesting firms/ prospecting bidders, immediately after the tender notice is published (ANNEX-A).

Medical Superintendent is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 69.

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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.

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3. Secretary, Communication & Works Department, Lahore.
4. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority, Lahore.

Note:

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“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

Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Teaching Hospital invites sealed bids for the financial year 2023-24 as per PPRA rules from the firms having established credentials in terms of technical, financial and managerial capabilities of the items as detailed below.

Sr.#	Name Of Tender	Bid Security / 2% of Estimated cost	Receiving /opening Date & time of Tender
1	Pre-qualification of firms for Local Purchase through quotation (LPQ) of Medicine & Disposable Items, Medical Devices and Chemicals	50,000/-	19-01-2024 At 11:00 am / 11:30 am
2	Frame Work Contract /Pre-qualification of vendors for Local (day to day) Purchase of Medicine & Disposable Items, Medical Devices and Chemicals	50,000/-	19-01-2024 At 11:00 am / 11:30 am

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MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AZIZ
BHATTI SHAHEED TEACHING HOSPITAL

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Tender Guidelines

The tender notice should essentially include the following information:

- Name of procuring agency
- Tender number (for identification)
- Procurement Title (indicating type and quantity)
- Contact person (for seeking bidding documents)
- Last date for obtaining bidding documents and its price (if any)
- Closing time and date as well as place for receiving bids
- Time and Place of public opening of bids (Bids must be opened on the closing date at least thirty minutes after the deadline for submission of bids)
- Amount of bid security (% age of estimated price)
- Procurement Method
- Procurement Procedure
- In case the tender notice involve different categories of goods, work or services, the procuring agency must mention to whether the evaluation shall be item wise or on accumulative cost basis
- Bid validity period
- The bidding document shall be made available to the interested firms/prospecting bidders, immediately after the tender notice is published



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