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Secretary, Sindh Board of Technical Education, Karachi.

<u>Subject: Violation of Sindh Public Procurement Rules 2010, Secretary, Sindh Board of Technical Education's Tender Notice for Procurement of Examinational Material.</u>

Dear Sir.

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Express' Newspaper on 13 June 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010, Rule No. 18 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 26.06.2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010, Rule 18. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

18. Response time.— (2) Subject to sub-rule (1), the response time shall not be less than fifteen calendar days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or hoisting in the website, as the case may be, in case of National Competitive Bidding, and shall not be less than forty five days from the date of publication of Notice Inviting Tender in the newspapers or hoisting on the website, as provided in Rule 17 (6), in case of International Competitive Bidding;

Secretary Sindh Board of Technical Education is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010, to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 56.

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 Muzaftar

Trustee/Legal Advisor

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Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi.

2. Managing Director, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Karachi.



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"

