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MVR,  
Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Department,  
Government of Sindh,  
Karachi.

Date: August 4, 2020

Subject: Procurement of Security Featured/MR Number Plates.

Dear Sir,

We have reasons to believe that your department is negotiating the procurement of security featured/camera readable registration plates of motor vehicles. On the face of it, the negotiation is being carried out with a subsidiary of Ministry of Defense, Government of Pakistan under the grab of direct contracting on Government to Government basis. The underlying intention of this novel scheme, however, is to bye-pass the process of competitive bidding as prescribed under the Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010. The name of subsidiary is being used to achieve (i) high rates due to non-competition and (ii) unlawful financial gains to the suppliers using the good name of the defense forces of Pakistan.

We may place on record that direct contracting, even with a Government owned organization, is a non-preferred mode of procurement opted in case of original manufacturer. In the case under reference, the organization is not manufacturer of registration plates. In fact, the specifications are being altered to create scope for the said organization to dishonestly knock down the real suppliers and manufactures.

Let us warn you of the impending scam wherein the people at large are likely to be charged exorbitant amount of money for security featured vehicle registration number plates without any testing of its workability. A particular vendor is pushing the deal fronting the Government organization. After award of contract, the work will be sub contracted to the said vendor while Government organization charges a fix management fee. It is obvious that this scheme will cause huge loss to the people while some people will make unlawful gains.

It is hope that you will take honest steps to secure the interest of people of Sindh and the subject procurement shall be carried out on the basis of fair and transparent competitive process of procurement in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010.

Thank you,

Regards,

Manager

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