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The Rector,
Virtual University of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

**Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Procurement Department, Directorate of Finance,
Virtual University of Pakistan, Islamabad's Tender Notice for Civil Works.**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 14th October' 23. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13 'Response time'.

In the said tender notice, 15 days of response time is not given as the submission/ opening of bids is given as 20-10-2023, which is eight (8) days less and does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time as per PPRA Rules 2004. Hence, it is a violation of Rule No. 13 of PPRA Rule 2004.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*13. Response time.- (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen ***days for national competitive bidding and thirty ***days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.*

All advertisements or notices shall expressly mention the response time allowed for that particular procurement along with the information for collection of bid documents which shall be issued till a given date, allowing sufficient time to complete and submit the bid by the closing date:

Provided that no time limit shall be applicable in case of emergency.

(2) The response time shall be calculated from the date of first publication of the advertisement in a newspaper or posting on the web site, as the case may be:

The Rector, Virtual University of Pakistan is requested to notify the Procurement Department to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with PPRA Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

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 Mazaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Principal Secretary to Caretaker PM, PM House, Islamabad.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology & Telecom, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
3. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.
4. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.



TI Pakistan act as 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, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in his landmark judgment in case of Ataulah Malik v. Federation of Pakistan includes following order;

Right to information is another corrective tool which allows public access to the working and decision making of the public authorities. It opens the working of public administration to public scrutiny. This necessitates transparent and structured exercise of discretion by the public functionaries. Article 19-A empowers the civil society of this country to seek information from public institutions and hold them answerable. PLD 2010 Lahore 605.

Virtual University of Pakistan

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from the Firm who are registered with Tax Authorities on Active Taxpayers List (ATL) of FBR, for the following:

Sr. No.	Description	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Tender Opening Date	Tender Receiving/ Opening Time
1.	Tender No. VU/23-24/10/726 Civil Works – Turbat Regional Campus (Balochistan)	1,000/-	October 20, 2023	Receiving: 12:00noon Opening: 12:30Pm

Tender documents of above-mentioned tender are available on VU website <https://www.vu.edu.pk/Opportunities/Tenders.aspx>

Tender documents may be downloaded and submitted before the date and timings mentioned above. Tender must be accompanied with Tender Fee (non-refundable) as given above, in shape of Pay Order / Demand Draft favouring Virtual University of Pakistan. Tender Fee can be deposited in any branch of Habib Bank Limited in Account No. 08667900089503 of Virtual University of Pakistan. Original deposit slip must be attached with the bid. Tenders without tender fee shall not be accepted.

Tender receiving and opening timings shall be strictly observed.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or annul the procurement process at any time as prescribed under PPRARules.

Tender Notice is also available at PPRASite (www.ppra.org.pk) and university's website.

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