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Secretary,
Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Projector Director, Project Management Unit (PMU), Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad's Request For Proposal (RFP) Notice for "Consultancy Services for Detailed Construction Supervision for the Project Provision of Basic Educational Facilities In Educational Institutions of ICT Under FDE"

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 12th July'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 on 21.07.23, which is five (5) 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:

**Provided that for all procurements up to three million Pakistani Rupees, the response time shall be considered from the date of appearance of the advertisement on the Authority's website.*

Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training is requested to notify Projector Director (PMU) to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with PPRA 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

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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. Principal Secretary to PM, PM House, Islamabad
2. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad
3. Federal Minister, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad.
4. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.

Note:

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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)



For

"CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DETAILED CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION FOR THE PROJECT PROVISION OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF ICT UNDER FDE"

1. The Project Management Unit, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Government of Pakistan requests for proposal for the **"CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DETAILED CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION PROJECT PROVISION OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF ICT UNDER FDE"**. The consultants may apply who fulfill the criteria mentioned in the RFP available in the office of Project Engineer at a cost of Rs. 5000/-.
2. RFP document can be collected from the office of Project Management Unit, M/o FE&PT during office hours on CDR of Rs. 5,000/- (non-refundable) or in the shape of demand draft / pay order in favor of Project Director, PMU, M/o FE&PT from any scheduled bank of Pakistan on or before **20-07-2023** during office hours. The companies should have valid registration and relevant technical and financial expertise to carry out the said task and no conflict of interest.
3. The interested companies should submit their proposals, complete in all respects, to the office of Project Director, 1st Floor, Pakistan Manpower Institute, Khayaban-e-Suhrwardy, G-7/1, Islamabad on or before **21-07-2023** at 11:00 AM. The envelopes should be clearly marked with "RFP" **"CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DETAILED CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION FOR THE PROJECT PROVISION OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF ICT UNDER FDE"**, Only Technical proposal shall be opened on the same date at 11:30am. The bid security as mentioned in the RFP should be placed in the Technical envelop.
4. The Authority reserves the rights of acceptance or rejection of any or all firms / consultants due to their reputation or who so ever fails to fulfill the criteria at its sole discretion. The Authority may disqualify the consultant firms if it is found, at any stage that the information submitted by the firms were false, incorrect or incomplete. Authority can also take penal action against the firms / Consultants or debar the firms / Consultants for future works

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