

28th December, 2023

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SD- Project Director/ Signals,
Office of the Project Director/ Signals,
Pakistan Railways,
Headquarters Office,
Lahore.

Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, SD- Project Director/ Signals, Resignalling Project (LON-SDR), Pakistan Railways, Headquarters Office, Lahore's Tender Notice for Procurement of Miscellaneous items for Signal Project.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Nawaiwaqt' newspaper on 22nd December, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rule 33(1) 'Rejection of bids'.

In the said tender notice, it is stated that; *"This Office reserves the right to reject any or all tender offers without assigning any reason."*

As per PPRA 2004, Rule No. 33, the procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any supplier or contractor who submitted a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection but is not required to justify those grounds. Hence, it is a violation PPRA Rule No 33.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

33. Rejection of bids.- (1) The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal. The procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any supplier or contractor who submitted a bid or proposal, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but is not required to justify those grounds.

SD- Project Director/ Signals, Pakistan Railways, Lahore is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with PPRA 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 Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.
2. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.



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”

**OFFICE OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR / SIGNALS
RESIGNALLING PROJECT (LON-SDR)
PAKISTAN RAILWAYS, HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE LAHORE.**

No. Sig-Prj/LON-SDR/24

TENDER NOTICE

The Project Director (Signals (LON-SDR), Pakistan Railways, Headquarter Office, Lahore invites sealed tenders on "Single Stage - Single Envelope" vide Rule 10(a) of PPPRA 2004 from well reputed firms /suppliers having PLC-C2 registered with FBR appearing on arate Tax payer for the ongoing fiscal year and fulfilling all the mandatory requirements mentioned in tender documents, for work detailed here under

SN	Description	Tender Ref. No	Tender Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (In Rs.)	Tender document fee (In Rs.)
01	Procurement of Miscellaneous items for Signal Project (LON-SDR)	No. Sig-Prj/LON-SDR/242	5,990/- Million	05%	3000-

Interested firms can obtain tender documents from the office of the Project Director -RSP (LON-SDR) Pakistan Railways, H. Qrs, Office, Lahore, on cash payment of Rs.3000/- (Non-refundable) during office working hours up to 08-01-2024

Tender documents duly filed along with all relevant documents including Bid Security (05% of the total quoted amount) in the shape of CDR or pay order having validity of 60 days from the date of opening of tender in favour of P & CMO Pakistan Railways, Headquarter Office, Lahore in sealed envelope bearing the name of work and addressed to the PD RSP (LON-SDR) Pakistan Railways, Headquarter Office, Lahore, dropped in the Tender box placed for this purpose in the office of the Project Director RSP (LON-SDR) Pakistan Railways, Headquarter Office, Lahore, by 11:00 hrs, on 09.01.2024. Photocopy of Bid security receipt (deposit or cash bank guarantee with tender documents will not be accepted. The tender will be opened on the same date and time at 11:30 hours in the presence of the representatives of the firms who wish to be present. Tender documents received after due time and date will not be entertained.

Incomplete bids or unsealed envelopes offers will not be accepted.

Tender documents not fulfilling all the mandatory requirements will also be rejected

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For further details, feel free to contact Project Directorate Signals (LON-SDR), Pakistan Railways, Headquarter Office, Lahore (Contact # 042-9920324)

Sd-Project Director Signals (LON-SDR)
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