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Mr. Syed Zafar Ali Shah,
Secretary,
The Planning Commission,
Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Admin Officer (CB&IS), Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (Capacity Building & Institutional Strengthening), Islamabad's Tender Notice for Renovation and Redesigning of Library Estimated Cost 7 Million.

Dear Sir,

The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 28 'Opening of Bids'. The tender notice appeared in daily 'Nawaiwaqt' newspaper on 17th July, 2023.

In the said tender notice, the submission of bids is on 31-07-2023 and opening of bids is on 02-08-2023. However according to PPRA Rule No 28 "Opening of bids" it clearly mentioned that the date for opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same. Hence, it is a violation of Rule No. 28 of PPRA Rule 2004.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

28. Opening of bids.- (1) The date for opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same. Bids shall be opened at the time specified in the bidding documents. The bids shall be opened at least thirty minutes after the deadline for submission of bids.

Secretary, Planning Commission is requested to notify Admin Officer (CB&IS) 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. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.
4. Admin Officer (CB&IS), Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
(Capacity Building & Institutional Strengthening)

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from Islamabad and Rawalpindi based Income tax GST registered and active Tax Payer C-5 / C-6 category firms having vendor number issued by AGPR for Renovation & Redesigning Of Library having estimated cost of 7.00 million at the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives for the financial year 2023- 24. The interested firms may submit their bids (Technical & Financial) in sealed envelopes in the office of the undersigned till 1600 hours on 31.07.2023 (no bid will be accepted after above mentioned time & date) which will be opened in the presence of representatives of bidding firms on 2nd August 2023 at 1200 hours in the Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiative. The tender documents and terms & conditions can be obtained from Room No. 446, P - Block Pak - Secretariat Islamabad and downloaded from websites of Planning commission (www.pc.gov.pk) and PPRA.

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