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Director (Works),
Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR),
Ministry of Science & Technology,
PCSIR Head Office, Islamabad.

Subject: <u>Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Director (Works)</u>, <u>Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR)</u>, <u>Islamabad's Tender Notice for Construction Works</u>.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 11th February, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of 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 21-02-2023, which is four (4) 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:

Director (Works), PCSIR 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.



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"



## PCSIR HEAD OFFICE ISLAMABAD

Ministry of Science & Technology (Government of Pakistan)

## INVITATION TO BID

Pakistan Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Laboratories Complex Lahore invites Sealed 8ids on prescribed forms from the Contractors having experience specially in construction works with valid up to date registration from PEC in category C-4 or above having specialization code of CE-09, CE-10, EE-04 & EE-10 for CONSTRUCTION OF SHEDS UNDER PSDP PROJECT ENTITLED "CULTIVATION PROCESSING OF MEDICINAL & INDUSTRIAL CANNABIS ON EXPERIMENTAL FIELD AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TESTING AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES (PCSIR & ARID AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY) AT PCSIR LABS COMPLEX LAHORE." The Tender will be on Single Stage Two Envelope Procedure(SSTE).

Interested bidders can obtain the Bidding Documents containing detailed terms and conditions, etc. from the office of the undersigned during the working hours from 07-02-2024 to 20-02-2024 on written request on their letter head against payment of Rs. 3,000/- (non-refundable) in cash. Earnest Money @ of 2% of the quoted bid in shape of pay order shall be drawn in favor of Director Works PCSIR Islamabad.

Dully filled complete Bidding Documents must reach at the office of undersigned on or before dated 21-02-2024 at 11.00 am. The Bids shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 am in the Committee Room of PCSIR Head Office 1- Constitution Average G5/2 Islamabad in the presence of Contractors or their Authorized Representatives. This advertisement is also available on PPRA website www.ppra.org.px.

Tender shall not be entertained if received incomplete. Conditional and submitted after deadline. The Competent Authority of PCSIR, reserves the right to accept or reject all bids at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid in accordance with PPRA's Rules 2004 (as amended in 2008). In case of holiday tender will be opened on next working day.

The Firm providing unsubstantiated and/or incorrect information is liable to disqualification and/or legal action.

Director (Works)
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