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Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon,
Secretary,
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Sub: Violation by Ministry of Science & Technology in the Publication of the Contract Agreements on PPRA Website under Public Procurement Rules, 2004, Rule 47, Mis-Procurement Rule 50.

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has been monitoring implementation of PPRA Rule 2004, and noted non-compliance of Rule 47 by various departments. PPRA Rule 47 requires all procuring agencies to upload all contract award agreements/documents along with rates/prices quoted/BOQ on the PPRA website. In this regard, TI Pakistan letter TL2022/0803/1C dated 3rd August 2022 to Ministry of Science & Technology is enclosed (**Annex-A**)

47. Public access and transparency. - As soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

While examining the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) website, it is observed that Ministry of Science & Technology is in non-compliance with PPRA Rule 47 in the award of contracts (**Annex- B**).

TI Pakistan refers to the mandatory requirement of Pakistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) that the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) be used by all Procuring Agencies, which includes in the Invitation of Tender, Bills of Quantity (BOQ) in case of Works and Goods Contract, and in case of Consultancy Services, in the Request of Proposal, requires the breakdown of rates for Form 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. These six forms are enclosed (**Annex- C**).

The requirement of disclosing the quoted rates and prices by all bidders shall be posted on PPRA website, for public access, in compliance with PPRA Rule 47.

The Secretary, Ministry of Science & Technology is requested to issue directives to all the following departments to follow PPRA Rules 47, provide PPRA the requisite documents pertaining to all procurements so that the same may be uploaded on the PPRA Authority's website to ensure public access and transparency.

1. National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan (NUST)
2. Council for Work and Housing Research (CWHR)
3. CUI-Comsats University Islamabad
4. National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA)
5. National Institute of Electronics (Pakistan) (NIE)
6. National Institute of Oceanography (Pakistan) (NIO)
7. National University of Technology (NUTECH)
8. National Physical & Standards Laboratory (NPSL)
9. Pakistan Council for Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET)

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12. Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR)
13. Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)
14. Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC)
15. Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)
16. Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH)
17. Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center (PASTIC)
18. Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA)
19. Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA)
20. STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan (Private) limited

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With Regards,

(Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar)
Trustee/Legal Advisor
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7. MD PPRA, PPRA, Islamabad

Note:

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3rd August 2022

TL2022/0803/1C

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 Federal Secretary,
 Ministry of Science & Technology,
 Government of Pakistan,
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Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has been monitoring the implementation of PPRA Rules 2004, and noted non-compliance of Rule 47 by all departments. PPRA Rule 47 requires all procuring agencies to upload all contract award agreements/documents along with rates/prices quoted/BOQ on the PPRA website.

47. Public access and transparency. - As soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

On the report of TI Pakistan, the Managing Director PPRA vide letter F. No. 1(5)/M&E/PPRA/2018 dated 11th November 2021 issued following directives to **all Procuring Agencies** to provide requisite documents pertaining to all procurements along with duly filled proformas, in compliance with Rule 47 (**Annex-A**).

Quote

*"The Authority vide letter of even No. dated July 01, 2021, (copy attached) required all procuring agencies to submit documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of the contract * without any reference to the contract amount) for uploading on the PPRA website, as enshrined under Rule 47 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and Regulation (2) of Public Procurement Regulations, 2009. However, it has been observed that procuring agencies are in partial compliance of the said requirement by submitting the requisite documents related to few procurements.*

You are once again requested to issue instructions to all procuring agencies under the administrative control of your Ministry/Division to provide requisite documents pertaining to all procurements along with duly filled proformas attached with the above referred letter, (which includes the requirement of a copy of the agreement to be attached) so that the same may be uploaded on the Authority's website to ensure public access and transparency".

Unquote

On 7th June 2022, TI Pakistan vide letter No. TL 2022/0607/1A requested the Prime Minister to issue orders for the compliance of PPRA Rule 47 by Ministry of Communications and all other Ministries to publish a) **Contract Evaluation Report**; b) **Form of Contract and Letter of Award**; and (c) **Bill of Quantities or Schedule of Requirement along with contracts on PPRA website (Annex-B)**.

On the orders from the Prime Minister House in response to TI Pakistan 7th June 2022 letter No. TL 2022/0607/1A, PPRA has issued the following instructions vide letter No. 01(23)/M&E/PPRA/2018/51 to the Ministry of Communication to comply with PPRA Rule No 47, as stated below (**Annex-C**).

Quote

"In terms of the Rule 47 of the Public Procurement Rules 2004, as soon as the contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of bid and award of contract public. It is clarified that documents related to evaluation of bid also include bill of quantities or schedule of



requirement, whereas the documents related to award of contract include form of contract and letter of award.

In view of the above, you are hereby required to upload all the documents related to evaluation of bid including bill of quantities or schedule of requirement, and documents related to award of contract including form of contract and letter of award on the Authority Website to ensure public access and transparency in accordance with Rule 47 of the public Procurement Rule, 2004".

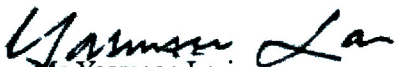
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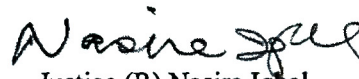
The Secretary Ministry of Science & Technology is requested to issue directives to all the following departments to follow PPRA Rules 47, provide PPRA the requisite documents pertaining to all procurements along with duly filled proformas attached with the above referred letter, (which includes the requirement of a copy of the agreement to be attached) so that the same may be uploaded on the PPRA Authority's website to ensure public access and transparency.

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With Regards,


Ms Yasmeen Lari
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Fukuoka & Jane Drew Prize Laureate,
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Managing Director

F.No. 1(5)/M&E/PPRA/2018
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY
CABINET DIVISION
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

Islamabad, the 11th November, 2021.

Subject: **PUBLICATION OF CONTRACT AWARDS ON PPRA'S WEBSITE
WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE AMOUNT OF CONTRACT**

The Authority vide letter of even No. dated July 01, 2021, (copy attached) required all procuring agencies to submit documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of the contract (without any reference to the contract amount) for uploading on the PPRA's website, as enshrined under Rule 47 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and Regulation (2) of Public Procurement Regulations, 2009. However, it has been observed that procuring agencies are in partial compliance of the said requirement by submitting the requisite documents related to few procurements.

2. You are once again requested to issue instructions to all procuring agencies under the administrative control of your Ministry/Division to provide requisite documents pertaining to all procurements along with duly filled proformas attached with the above referred letter, so that the same may be uploaded on the Authority's website to ensure public access and transparency.

Encl: *as above*


(Rizwan Malik)

All the Federal Secretaries / Heads of the Organizations

CC:

Director (MIS), PPRA with the direction to upload the same on the Authority's website for compliance.



June 7th, 2022

TL2022/0607/1A

Syed Tauqir Shah Sahib,
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of Pakistan,
Prime Minister House,
Islamabad

Sub: Violation by Ministry of Communication in the Publication of the Contract Agreements on PPRA Website under Public Procurement Rules, 2004, Rule 47, Mis-Procurement Rule 50

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan monitors implementation of PPRA Rule 47 (quoted below) which requires all procuring agencies to upload contract award agreements along with rates/prices quoted/BOQ on the PPRA website.

47. Public access and transparency. - As soon as a contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of contract public:

On 22nd October 2021, Section Officer Ministry of Communication vide letter No. 6(3)/2020-Road-I addressed to Chair and Vice Chair Transparency International Pakistan stated the following quoted below and enclosed as (**Annex-A**):

Quote

“However, it is pertinent to highlight that PPRA has circulated two proformas as Attachment-I and Attachment II (enclosed) for uploading the information regarding contract award in compliance of Rule 7 of Notification S.R.0.805 (I)/2008 of PPRA. PPPRA Rule 47 does not require uploading of BOQs rather it demands uploading the information i.e. tender cost, awarded cost and other details of bids”

Unquote

SPPRA Rule 51 and BPPRA Rule 56 are quoted below for your reference:

SPPRA Rule 50. Publication of the Award of Contract - Within fifteen (15) days of signing of contract, procuring agency shall publish on the website of the Authority and on its own website, if such a website exists, the results of the bidding process, identifying the bid through procurement identifying number, if any, and the following information:

- (1) Contract Evaluation Report;
- (2) Form of Contract and Letter of Award;
- (3) Bill of Quantities or Schedule of Requirement.

BPPRA Rule 49. Publication of the Award of Contract - Within forty-five (45) days of the award of contract, Procuring Agency shall publish on the website of the Authority and on its own website, if such a website exists, the results of the bidding process, identifying the bid through procurement identifying number, if any, and the following information:

- (a) Contract Evaluation Report;



- (b) Form of Contract and Letter of Award; and
- (c) Bill of Quantities or Schedule of Requirement.

TI Pakistan has consistently informed Ministry of Communications that PPRA Rule 47, SPPRA Rule 50 and BPPRA Rule 49 have been incorporated with a view that the rates, prices and monthly remuneration of consultants/experts are to be known to the public, whereby public can scrutinize any overpriced rate/purchase by comparing prices for similar procurements by different departments. It may also be noted that such attempts are the efforts by Ministry of Communication to hide the rates (BOQ rates) of the contracts awarded, and in accordance with PPRA Rule 50, non-compliance of any of PPRA Rules amount to mis-procurement.

The Managing Director PPRA vide letter F. No. 1(5)/M&E/PPRA/2018 dated 11th November 2021 has again issued following directives to all Procuring Agencies to provide requisite documents pertaining to all procurements along with duly filled proformas, in compliance with Rule 47 (**Annex-B**).

*“The Authority vide letter of even No. dated July 01, 2021, (copy attached) required all procuring agencies to submit documents related to the evaluation of the bid and award of the contract * without any reference to the contract amount) for uploading on the PPRA website, as enshrined under Rule 47 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and Regulation (2) of Public Procurement Regulations, 2009. However, it has been observed that procuring agencies are in partial compliance of the said requirement by submitting the requisite documents related to few procurements.*

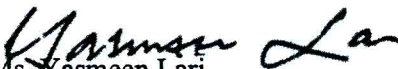
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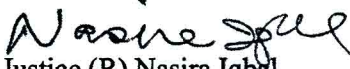
However, the contracts award information along with BOQ rates of Ministry of Communications are still not uploaded under the “Procurement Contracts” section on the PPRA website.

TI Pakistan requests the honorable Prime Minister to issue orders for the compliance of PPRA Rule 47 by Ministry of Communications and all other Ministries to publish a) Contract Evaluation Report; (b) Form of Contract and Letter of Award; and (c) Bill of Quantities or Schedule of Requirement along with contracts on PPRA website.

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Government of Pakistan
Public Procurement Regulatory Authority
(Monitoring & Evaluation Wing)

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No: 01(23)/M&E/PPRA/2018/51

Islamabad, July 21, 2022

Subject: **VIOLETION BY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS ON PPRA WEBSITE UNDER PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES, 2004, RULE 47, MIS-PROCUREMENT RULE 50**

Reference is invited to Transparency International – Pakistan letter dated June 07, 2022, wherein TI-Pakistan requested Prime Minister to issue instruction to all the procuring agencies to publish contract evaluation report, bill of quantities, form of contract and letter of award along with contract details on PPRA website.

2. It is apprised that this Authority has already issued instructions vide letter dated July 01, 2021 and November 11, 2021 (**copy attached**), wherein all the procuring agencies were directed to provide requisite documents pertaining to all procurements along with duly filled proforma's attached with the above referred letter, so that the same may be uploaded on the Authority's website to ensure public access and transparency.

3. In terms of Rule 47 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004, as soon as the contract has been awarded the procuring agency shall make all documents related to the **evaluation of bid and award of contract public**. It is clarified that documents related to evaluation of bid also include bill of quantities or schedule of requirement, whereas the documents related to award of contract include form of contract and letter of award.

4. In view of the above, you are hereby required to upload all the documents related to evaluation of bid including bill of quantities or schedule of requirement, and documents related to award of contract including form of contract and letter of award on the Authority Website to ensure public access and transparency in accordance with Rule 47 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004.


(Muhammad Ibrahim R. Khan)
Deputy Director-III (M&E)

Section Officer (General / Admin)
Ministry of Communications
Islamabad.

Cc:

- ✓ 1. **Ms. Yasmeen Lari**, Chairperson, Transparency International Islamabad
2. **PS to Managing Director**, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.

Annex-B

Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Website Screenshot

Monday, April 10, 2023

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PAKISTAN) *پبلک پروکیورمنٹ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (پاکستان)*

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Public Contracts of Works, Services & Goods Worth RS.50 Million or More.

Organization Name: Ministry of Science and Technology

Contract No	Contract Title	Download	Uploaded Date
PCN3216	Ministry of Science and Technology Establishment of Material Resource Center..... Establishment of Material Resource Center..... PCSIR/AMRE-002/2021 TS459594E Contract Award Amount (PKR): 265498899 Successful Bidder: Kwick High Tech and Solutions Pvt Ltd 5-A Al-Malik Center 70-West Blue Area Islamabad Beneficial Owners Information		22/12/2021

Total Contracts (1)

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Only For PPRA Employees

Standard Procedure for Evaluation of Proposals for Procurement of Engineering Services

Form 1

BREAKDOWN OF RATES FOR CONSULTANCY CONTRACT

Project: _____ Firm: _____

Name	Position	Basic Salary per Cal. Month	Social Charges (%age of 1)	Overhead (%age of 1+2)	Sub-Total (1+2+3)	Fee (%age of 4)	Rate per Month for project Office	Field Allow. (%age of 1)	Rate per Month for Field Work
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

Notes:

- Item No. 1 Basic salary shall include actual gross salary before deduction of taxes. Payroll sheet for each proposed personnel should be submitted at the time of negotiations.
- Item No. 2 Social charges shall include Client's contribution to social security, paid vacation, average sick leave and other standard benefits paid by the company to the employee. Breakdown of proposed percentage charges should be submitted and supported (see Form 2).
- Item No. 3 Overhead shall include general administration cost, rent, clerical and junior professional staff and business getting expenses, etc. Breakdown of proposed percentage charges for overhead should be submitted and supported (see Form 3).
- Item No. 5 Fee shall include company profit and share of salary of partners and directors (if not billed individually for the project) or indicated in overhead costs of the Company.
- Item No. 7 Normally payable only in case of field work under hard and arduous conditions.

Full Name: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____

DIRECT (NON-SALARY) COSTS

S.No.	Nomenclature	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
1.	Rent for Office Accommodation				
2.	Office Utilities Costs				
3.	Cost/rental of Furniture/Furnishings				
4.	Cost of Office/Other Equipment i) Computers and accessories ii) Photo copy machines iii) Communication equipment iv) Drafting/Engineering equipment v) Surveying instruments vi) Cost of Laboratory equipment vii) Transport Vehicles/Rentals viii)				
5.	Cost of non-technical support staff not covered under remuneration charges				
6.	Travelling Costs				

S.No.	Nomenclature	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
7.	Communication expenses				
8.	Cost for Survey/Investigations				
9.	Cost for Model Studies				
10.	Cost for O&M of Labs/Testing of Material				
11.	Legal/Accounting/Software/Special Consultants and other similar Costs				
12.	Drafting/Reproduction of Reports				
13.	Professional liability cost				
14.	Office/Drafting Supplies				
15.	Similar other costs not covered under other Heads				
Total:					

SUMMARY OF COST OF CONSULTANT

S.No.	Description	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Salary Cost/Remuneration	
2.	Direct (Non-salary) Cost	
3.	Contingencies	
4.	Grand Total	