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Procurement Department NADRA HQ,
NADRA Headquarters,
Islamabad.

Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules-2004, Procurement Department NADRA HQ, NADRA Headquarters, Islamabad's Tender Notice for Purchase of 08x Servers One U (SVPN)

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dawn' newspaper on 12 March, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules, 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 25 March, 2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules, 2004, Rule 13. 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:

Procurement Department NADRA HQ is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules, 2004, to avoid misprocurement 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, PMIC, Islamabad.
2. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, 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”

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN Ministry of Interior NADRA HEADQUARTERS ISLAMABAD		
INVITATION OF BID Purchase of 08x Servers One U (SVPN)		
TENDER NO. NADRA-HQ-RFB-45/2024		
1. National database and Registration Authority (NADRA), Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan invites sealed bids from OEM or their Partners having MAL (Manufacturer Authorization Letter) registered Income Tax & Sales Tax and who are Active Tax Payers List (ALT) with 100% compliance of the FBR for supply of following items		
Srl	ITEM	Qty
1.	SVPN Servers	08
2. The bidding documents contain detailed Specification, Instruction, conditions and forms for participating in the bid. The bid documents (complete set) can be purchased by the bidder upon a written request on Bidder's official letter head addressed to the Head of Department (NADRA Procurement & Stores) at given address & upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.2000/- into NADRA bank account and provision of deposit slip to NADRA Office. <u>Bank HBL Account Title: NADRA Headquarters Account # 0001600051009601</u> . The bidding documents are also available on NADRA official website for the interested bidders which can be viewed and downloaded from tenders.nadra.gov.pk without any cost.		
3. Rupees 350/- additional (courier charges) to be deposited by the out-stationed bidders for the purpose to purchase complete set of bidding documents. The complete set of Bidding Documents will be sent via Courier Services. Request for the same must reach at least 07 working days before closing date of tender else any delay/liability cannot be claimed.		
4. The bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding documents, must reach at the address mentioned below on or before 1100 hours on 25th March, 2024. Bids will be opened on same day at 1130 hours. This advertisement is also available on PPRA website at www.ppra.org.pk		
5. All the vendors are requested to provide request for issuance of tender documents on company letter head including nomination of authorized representative (Name & Designation) for presence at tender opening. At the time of tender opening company representative must possess company employee card.		
6. NADRA reserves the right to reject all the bids as per Rule 33 of PPRA 2004.		
7. Pre Bid meeting will be held on 19th March, 2024 at 11:00 hours at Head Quarter NADRA G-5/2 Islamabad. PID(1)5445/23		
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT NADRA HQ NADRA RHO Building (Ground Floor) 3D - Mauvo Area G-10/4, Islamabad - 44000. Telephone: 051-90392662 Fax No: 051-9108188		