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Divisional Head,
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3rd Floor, National Bank of Pakistan, Head Office,
I.I Chundrigar Road,
Karachi.

Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Divisional Head, Procurement Divisions, LCMG, National Bank of Pakistan, Karachi's Tender Notice for Procurement of Air Conditioners 01-Ton Capacity Inverter Type with Ancillary Services for NBP ATM Rooms Multiple Locations at Lower Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'The Nation' Newspaper on 19 December, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 26-12-2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is seven (7) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) 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.*

Divisional Head, Procurement Divisions, LCMG, National Bank of Pakistan is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 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. 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”

NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN

INVITATION TO e-BID

PROCUREMENT OF AIR-CONDITIONERS 01-TON CAPACITY INVERTER TYPE WITH ANCILLARY SERVICES FOR NBP ATM ROOMS MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AT LOWER PUNJAB, SINDH & BALUCHISTAN

1. National Bank of Pakistan, invites electronic bids from the original manufacturers or authorized distributors / suppliers, registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Department for aforesaid procurement.
2. e-Bidding documents: containing detailed terms and conditions, method of procurement, bid security, bid validity, opening of bid, etc. are available electronically and can be downloaded from EPADS-PPRA Website: <https://eprocure.gov.pk> free of cost.
3. Manual bids shall not be accepted. In case of any technical difficulty in using EPADS, prospective bidders may contact PPRA Team, Director MIS Room No.109, 1st Floor, FBC Building, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad. Contact Number 051-111-137-237.
4. The electronic bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the bidding documents along with bid security instrument and required documents must be submitted by using EPADS on or before 26th December, 2024, at 11:00 AM. The bids will be opened promptly thereafter on EPADS at 11:30 AM the same day, and in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the under - mentioned address.

The Engineering Wing (South) LCMG, 3rd Floor, National Bank of Pakistan, Head Office Building, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi.

Note:-

1. Original Bid Security Instrument MUST BE submitted to the Office of Wing Head Engineering Wing (South) (address given above), before the online submission deadline of the bid; otherwise, respective bid will not be opened.
2. Notification of the GRC constituted in terms of Rule-4B of PPRA Rules, 2004 is provided on EPADS at <https://eprocure.gov.pk> and on <https://www.nbp.com.pk>
3. In case of any technical difficulty in using EPADS, prospective bidders may contact PPRA Team, Director MIS Room No.109, 1st Floor, FBC Building, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad. Contact Number 051-111-137-237.

If the office remains closed on the bidding date for any reason, the bid will be opened in similar manner on next working day at the same time and venue.

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