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Sub: <u>Publication of the Contract Agreements on PPRA Website under Public Procurement</u> Rules, 2004, Rule 47

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:

Rule 47 has 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. According to PPRA Rule 50, non-compliance of any of PPRA Rules amount to mis-procurement.

TI Pakistan has noted that the contracts award information along with BOQ rates relating to most of the recent contracts awarded by the National Highway Authority (NHA) are not uploaded under the "Procurement Contracts" section on the PPRA website. Some referenced contracts are attached as (Annexure A):

TI Pakistan requests the MD PPRA to take action on the violation by NHA, to ensure compliance of Rule 47 by Ministry of Communications, as such contracts are deemed mis-procurement under PPRA Rule 50.

TI Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption and achieve zero tolerance against Corruption,

With Regards,

Sohail Muzaffar,

Chairman

Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

- 1. Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Islamabad
- 2. Secretary Ministry of Communications, Isalambad
- 3. Chairman National Highway Authority (NHA), Islamabad
- 4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan

Annexure A

Some reference contracts include:

- Missing BOQ with rates for "Consultancy Services for Detailed Design and Construction for Wide Remaining Portion of National Highway N-25 in Kararo - Wadh Section from Km 222 to Km 318 (18.258 Km)"
- 2. Widening of TATA PANI Slide Area at KM: 467+000 on N-35 pertaining to Gilgit Baltistan Region under Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP-2017-2018)
- 3. Construction of Additional 2 Lane Carriageway from Ratodero to Shikarpur N-55 (Section-1). Km 0+000 to km 43+400 (43.4)
- 4. Construction of Bridge (Desert Canal) at KM: 491 on N-55 (AMP-2017-2018)
- 5. Construction of Four (04) NO Toll Plaza in Punjab South Region
- Consultancy Services for Supervision & Assisting the Newly Established Quality Assurance cell in Maintaining and continually Improving the Quality Management system (ISO 9001:20151 at NHA
- 7. Procurement of IT Services: Development & Implementation of e-Bidding System
- 8. Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Construction of Flyover at the Junction of N-5 & N-65 at Sukkur [S-P) (4-Lanel Bridge Length along with Approach Road 1.2 Km
- 9. Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study and Design for Construction of Hoshab-Awaran-Khuzdar Section of M-8 (400KM) (2-lane Road)
- 10. Construction Supervision of Shatial-Thor Nullah Bypass (Relocation of KKH) (34.83 km) including Link Road to Existing KKH (2.94 Km)