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Chief Collector South,  
Federal Board of Revenue,  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Custom House, Karachi.

Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Asst. Collector (Computer Bureau), Custom House, Karachi, Tender Notice for the Internet Services.

Dear Sir,

The Asst. Collector (Computer Bureau), Customs House, Karachi's tender notice for the internet services, published in daily "Express" on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011, is against the Public Procurement Rules 2004, as minimum period of 15 days is mandatory to submit applications from the date of publication of advertisement notice in press, whereas the Customs House has given only 07 days, which is a violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004. The Rule is quoted below for your information;

**13. Response time.-** *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.*

TI-P would like to point out that the tender advertisement does not mention bid opening date and time, which is again a violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004. TI-P refers to the "Tender Guidelines" available on Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's website. The rule is stated below for your information;

**28. Opening of bids.-** *(1) The date for opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same. Bids shall be opened at the time specified in the bidding documents. The bids shall be opened at least thirty minutes after the deadline for submission of bids.*

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding the mis-procurement charge under Rule No 50, and with request to re-invite the tender under the prescribed procedures.

TI Pakistan is striving to have Rule of Law in Pakistan.

With Regards,

  
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1. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
3. Member Customs, FBR, Islamabad.
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5. Auditor General, Islamabad.
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