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Islamabad.

Sub: Nomination of Member of Evaluation Committee for FBR's RFP for Tax Stamp and
Supervision Project
FBR Letter No. 2/109-STB/2005 (Pt)/34507-R dated 18th March 2013 & 3rd April 2013
TIP Letter dated 21st March 2013 & 30th March 2013

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan would like to refer to FBR letter dated 3rd April 2013 and inform that the RFP for Tax Stamp and Supervision project is again not correct, and prima facie it appears to be oriented for one manufacturer only.


FBR specifications are restrictive, and no equivalent product is available to meet the following restrictive specifications:

- Fusion temperature below 175°C
- Thickness not less than 50 micrometre +/- 10%
- Tear strength comprised between 30 and 60 MPa
- Label size: Must be on International Standard Practice maximum length : 18 mm and minimum surface 200 sqmm
 - The label will contain the following security features:
 - A Gold colour optical variable image. Based on diffractive and/or lenticular techniques
 - Forensic features like nano-letters only visible using a microscope (size smaller than 25 microns)
 - Metallic micro letters visible with a magnifier (smaller than 150 microns) on the white background of the label.
 - An optical variable feature which polarizes the light so that visual effect can be easily controlled by the mean of simple polarizing filter

The Observations recorded in the vetted and amended RFP sent by Transparency International Pakistan on 30th March 2013, should be used, as the suggested specifications are not restrictive, and all other manufacturers are allowed to participate in the bidding.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption.

With Regards,


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