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Director General,
Punjab Food Authority,
Lahore.

Sub: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Director General, Punjab Food Authority,
Lahore's Expression of Interest Notice for Provision of Hygiene and Safe Food Free of
Adulteration and any Contamination to the Masses.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Punjab Food Authority, Lahore's EOI Notice, published in daily "Jang" on 21st January, 2017. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.


As per advertisement, 15 days of response time is not given and the last date for submission of bids is on 01-02-2017, which is 3 days short. It is violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Rule No.14 (1). Stated as under:

***14. 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 complexity of the procurement, availability and urgency but, in 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.*

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding mis-procurement charge under Rule No. 69, and with request to re-invite the EOI under the prescribed procedures or issue a corrigendum and extend date accordingly.

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

With Regards,


Sohail Muzzafar
Chairman

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

1. Chief Minister, Government of Punjab, Lahore
2. Director General, NAB, Lahore.
3. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
4. Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
5. Managing Director, Punjab PRA, Lahore.



PUNJAB FOOD AUTHORITY

Government of the Punjab

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Punjab Food Authority is a functional entity established under the Punjab Food Authority Act 01, 2011 and mandated to ensure provision of hygiene and safe food free of adulteration and any contamination to the masses.

Punjab Food Authority intends to switch over from conventional paper based licensing to E-Licensing/Smart Licensing for the registration, cash collection and facilitation of the food operators.

For the above purpose expression of interest is invited from the reputed large sized scheduled banks having vast branch network, real time cash collection and reporting, better profit rates, strong IT support an expertise in E-Card/Smart Card alongwith POS devices. Salient features of E-License/Smart card are as under;

- Chip based card which will be used as license and will be able for accessing identification and all other information like status of license fee, fines (paid/payable) etc and update on real time basis.
- Chip based card will facilitate transparent and wholesome collection and will mitigate any chance of ill intent or malafide on the part of employees of PFA.
- Chip based plastic would also bring all licensees into one platform and this will result in developing a database of all stakeholders.
- Bank to develop mobile application to read license data from chip based card and display the required information of the licensee for the field officers.
- Real time position of food operators for their accounting and identification will be available to officers/officials both in office or field for quick decisions making and drawing analysis of any kind.
- Enhanced internal and external controls/ monitoring of all stake holders.

Expression of Interest (EOI) document can be received from the office of Director Admin & Finance free of cost from the date of publication of advertisement. The interested financial institutions/banks having the above expertise which can provide chip based plastic cards/E-License and POS devices may express their interest to the Director General, Punjab Food Authority latest by 1st February 2017 at 11 A.M along with complete proposals, bank profile and other relevant documents, which will be opened on the same day at 11.30 AM as per PPRA rules.



Director General
PUNJAB FOOD AUTHORITY

