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Secretary,  
Agriculture Department,  
Government of Punjab,  
Lahore.

**Sub:** Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Senior Officer (General), Agriculture Department,  
Lahore's Tender Notice for Purchase and Supply of Furniture.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Agriculture Department, Lahore's Tender Notice, published in daily "Dunya" on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

1. As per the advertisement, "The authority reserved the right to reject all the bids without assigning any reason". However, it is not complying with, PPRA 2014, Rule No. 35, which requires that reason should be communicated to bidders. Therefore the advertisement is in violation of Rule No. 35 of PPRA Rules 2014. Stated as under;

*35. Rejection of Bids :- (1) the procuring agency may reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.*

*(2) the procuring agency shall upon request communicate to any bidder, the grounds for its rejection of all bids or proposals, but shall not be required to justify those grounds.*

2. Also, "Quantity of supply order may increase or decrease as per decision of competent authority", whereas per rules, any change in tender conditions, specifications and quantity after the opening of the bid by procuring agency is not allowed under Rules. However according to PPRA 2014, Rule No. 59 (c) (iv), repeat orders cannot exceed more than 15% of the original quantity. Stated as under;

*59. Alternative methods of procurements.- A procuring agency may utilize the following alternative methods of procurement of goods, services and works:*

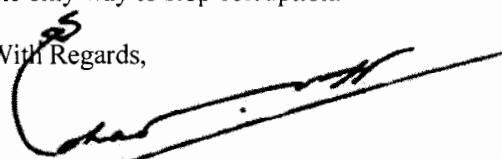
*(c) direct contracting: a procuring agency shall only engage in direct contracting if any of the following conditions exist:*

*(iv) repeat orders not exceeding fifteen per cent of the original procurement;*

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding mis-procurement charge under Rule No. 69, and with request to re-invite the tender 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.



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids are invited from the original-manufacturer or their authorized dealers for the purchase and supply of office furniture for Agriculture Department, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Lahore. The sale of tenders / bidding documents will be started from the date of publication of this advertisement in Newspaper and PPRA's website.

Sr. No	Name of Items	Last Date for purchase of tender	Last Date & Time of Receiving Tender	Date & Time Opening of Tender	Amount of CDR
01	<b>Furniture</b> (Office Workstations, Tables, Chairs, Racks, Conference Table etc.)	12-06-17 during office hours	12-06-17 03:00.pm	12-06-17 04:00.pm	2% of the Estimated Price

1. Tender Documents containing terms and conditions and detailed specification and quantity of required items can be obtained on payment of Rs. 500/- (Non-Refundable being the tender cost) from the office of Section Officer (General), Agriculture Department, Old P&D Building, 2-Bank Road, Lahore on any working day during office hours. A copy of tender notice is also available for information on the website of Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority i.e. [www.ppra.gov.pk](http://www.ppra.gov.pk) and Agriculture Department website [www.agripunjab.gov.pk](http://www.agripunjab.gov.pk).

2. All tenders shall be submitted to the office of undersigned at give date and time. Any tender received after specified time will not be entertained. Tenders will be opened in Committee Room of the office of Secretary to Government of the Punjab, Agriculture Department, Lahore according to the schedule given in presence of bidders or their authorized representative who choose to attend at the time of opening.

3. The procuring agency may reject all bids or proposal at any time prior to the acceptance of a bid or proposal.

4. The authority reserved the right to reject all the bids without assigning any reason.

5. 2 % Earnest money of the estimated cost will be in the shape of deposit at call issued in favour of J "Section Officer (General), Agriculture Department, Lahore attached with the bid.

6. Procurement shall be governed by the Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014.

7. The items will be supplied / installed at Agriculture Department, Old P&D Building, 2-Bank Road, Lahore.

8. Single Stage- Two envelopes procedures (Technical & Financial) as per Rule 38 (2) (a) of PPRA Rules, 2014, shall be applied.

(i) Tenders should be submitted comprising a, single package containing two separate envelopes. Each envelop will contain separately the financial and technical proposal. (ii) Envelop shall be marked as "Financial Proposal" and "Technical Proposal" in bold and legible letters to avoid any confusion. The financial proposal envelop will be opened after approval of technical proposals as per PPRA Rules, 2014.

(iii) On rejection of Technical Proposal, the Financial Proposal will be returned unopened.

9. The firms already under process of disciplinary action, defaulter or black listed with any government / organization will not be allowed to participate.

10. Quantity of supply order may be increased or decrease as per decision of competent authority.

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