



Punjab Skills Development Fund

No. PSDF/TINT/01

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SUBJECT: VIOLATION OF PUNJAB PROCUREMENT RULES 2014, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PUNJAB SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND, LAHORE TENDER NOTICE FOR PROVISION OF SKILLED MANPOWER TO INDUSTRIES

Please refer your letter bearing No. TL16/2010/2A dated 20.10.2016, on the subject matter.

2. PPRA Rules Clause 5 on International Commitments of the Government provides "If any provision of these rules is in conflict with any obligation or commitment of the Government arising out of an international agreement with a state of states, or any international financial institutions, the provisions of such international agreement, to the extent of conflict shall prevail."

3. Punjab Skills development Fund (PSDF) is mutually funded by Government of the Punjab and Government of the UK. Considering the supply side constraints of training services and to encourage the industry to participate in the provision of training services, to poor and vulnerable youth of Punjab leading towards employment, different rules for procurement of training services has been adopted which are agreed between both the Governments as per above-mentioned PPRA clause. The **PSDF Procurement Rules 2016** are aligned with PPRA for procurement of goods and consultancy services but differ in case of procurement of training services.

4. The tender mentioned in your letter falls under provision of training services and thus not strictly falls under the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014. It is further informed that PSDF is audited by AGPR, DFID, KPMG annually according to these rules.

5. We thank Transparency International – Pakistan for keeping a vigilant eye on the procurement practices and ensure you that we always strive to follow the basic principle of procurement i.e fairness, transparency, openness, economy and value for money.

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