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Secretary,  
Special Education Department,  
Government of Punjab,  
Lahore.

Sub: Violation of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014, Section Officer (P), Special Education Department, Lahore's Tender Notice for Purchase of Z-Fold Braille Paper.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Special Education Department, Lahore's Tender Notice, published in daily "The News" on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Punjab Procurement Rules 2014.

As per the advertisement, the bidding documents can be purchased up to 07-04-2016 which means tender documents are not available for the bidders for 15 days. The rule "Response Time" includes purchase of tender documents for the bidder from the date of publishing of advertisement till the date of submission of bids. Therefore, this is a 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 tender notice 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 Muzaffar  
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, Punjab.
3. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Lahore.
4. Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
5. Managing Director, Punjab PRA, Lahore.

## TENDER NOTICE

- Sealed tenders are invited for Special Education Punjab from the financially sound, Income Tax/Sales Tax registered firms for the purchase of **Z-Fold Braille Paper (Imported)** according to the specifications given below:-

| Sr. No | Name of Items  | Specifications  |
|--------|--|---|
| 1      | Z-Fold Braille Paper (Imported) for Govt. Computerized Braille Printing Press, Lahore. | I. Grammage 145-150 gm<br>II. Size 11"x12"<br>III. Ash content (max) 15%<br>IV. Hole to Hole via 1cm<br>V. 1000 Sheets per packet<br>VI. Imported |

- Tender fee is Rs. 1000/- (Non-refundable). The detail of tender enquiry, terms & conditions and specifications of the items can be obtained from the office of undersigned from the date of advertisement on any working day during office hours till 07.04.2016.
- Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned by 15-04-2016 at 12:00 PM which will be opened on the same day at 2:00 PM in the presence of the present bidders or their authorized representatives.
- SINGLE STAGE:** As per Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014 "Single Stage". Two envelope procedure will be followed.
- The bid shall comprise a single package containing two separate envelopes. Each envelope shall contain separately the technical proposal and the financial proposal;
- Initially, only the envelope marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" shall be opened on the scheduled date and time.
- The procuring agency shall evaluate the technical proposal in a prescribed manner without reference to the price and reject any proposal which does not conform to the specified requirements.
- After the evaluation and approval of the technical proposal, the procuring agency, shall at time within the bid validity period, publicly open the financial proposals of the technically accepted bids only.
- The bid found to be conforming to the required technical specification and the lowest in financial proposal evaluated shall be accepted.
- The bidders shall submit bid security in the shape of deposit at call @ 5% of the estimated value of the tender.
- Procurement shall be governed by the Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014 and tax deduction at source shall be made as per prevailing laws in force.
- Bids offered by black listed firms shall not be considered and all bidders shall give in writing undertaking that they are not blacklisted by any Department.

**SECTION OFFICER (P)  
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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