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Ms. Naheed S. Durrani,
Managing Director,
Sindh Education Foundation,
House # 21-A, Block 7/8,
Overseas Cooperative Housing Society (OCHS),
Ameer Khusro Road,
Karachi.

Sub: Violation of Sindh Public Procurement Rules 2010 in Sindh Education Foundation's Tender for Supply, Delivery and Installation of Android Tablets.

Dear Madam,

Transparency International Pakistan attended as an observer to oversee the procurement process for Sindh Education Foundation's Tender for Supply, Delivery and Installation of ICT Equipment/ Goods for Project INSTAL (ADP Scheme # 247) on 17-01-2017.

It was noticed that there was only one bidder for Lot No.2 'Android Tablets'. The tender specifications require RAM of 2GB and a stylus for the tablet. Specifications of tablet offered by the single bidder has RAM of 1GB and stylus is not provided. Therefore it is non-responsive and should be rejected.

It appears that the procuring agency has made difficult specifications that does not allow competition. It is a violation of the SPPRA Rules 2010, Rule No. 13 (1) and Rule No. 44. Stated as under;

13. Specifications: - (1) Specifications shall allow the widest possible competition and shall not favour any single contractor or supplier nor put others at a disadvantage. Specifications shall be generic and shall not include references to brand names, model numbers, catalogue numbers or similar classifications. However, if the procuring agency is convinced that the use of a reference to a brand name or a catalogue number is essential to complete an otherwise incomplete specification, such use or reference shall be qualified with the words "or equivalent."

44. Discriminatory and difficult conditions - Save as otherwise provided, no procuring agency shall introduce any condition which discriminates among bidders. In ascertaining the discriminatory nature of any condition reference shall be made to the ordinary practices of that trade, manufacturing, construction business or service to which that particular procurement is related.

In the market tablets offered are of 7 inches and RAM of 1GB starting from Rs. 3500- Rs. 8,000. For larger quantities prices offered should be less. The requirement of 2GB RAM is very high for students for whom the tablets are to be procured. SEF should re-tender with specifications of tablets which are commonly available. 2



HEC procured tablets/ laptops for which they had obtained exemption from custom duty/ sales tax from the Federal Government. SEF should apply for the same and should be able to procure a greater number of tablets for the funds available.

It is recommended that the Managing Director direct the concerned department to re-tender the said procurement. SEF may avail the services of TI-Pakistan gratis, by sending the bidding documents of this tender for vetting before re-tendering

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With Regards,

Sohail Muzaffar
Chairman

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

1. Chief Minister, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
2. Chief Justice, Sindh High Court, Karachi
3. Director General, NAB, Karachi.
4. Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
5. Managing Director, SPPRA, Karachi.

Technical Specs for Tablets	
Screen Size	8" 16:9
Screen Resolution	1280x800 TN
Touch Panel	5 point Capacitive
Battery	3.7V/4000mAh Lithium-ion polymer battery
CPU	Quad core 2.0 GHz or more
GPU	Supported
Photo Viewer	JPG, PNG, BMP, GIF
Video Format	AVI, 3GP, MP4, MKV, WEBM
Audio Format	WAV, MP3, AAC, APE, MP2, FLAC
RAM	2GB
ROM	16 GB or more
Camera	5.0MP back camera only
Speaker	8Ω/1W speaker
MIC	Yes
Gravity sensor	Available
GPS	Yes
WIFI	802.11b/g/n
Memory card socket	TF Card - 32GB card built inside the enclosed body
USB interface	USB 2.0 (Micro USB)
Headphone jack	ϕ 3.5mm standard headphone jack
DC connector	Micro USB - HDMI
Keys	POWER/VOL+/VOL-
Operating system version	Andriod 5.1.1 or higher
Language	Multi-language supportive
Power adapter	5V/2A
USB data cable	Connect to PC
Stylus	Compatible with provided tablet
Functional Specs for Tablets	
Form Factor	Should be standard form factor for 8" tablet
Security	The tablet should come with a custom-designed Operating System that offers restricted access to other non-relevant applications
Safety	Should be supported by child-friendly, shock-resistant casing
Protection	Should come with glass screen protector and flip-cover casing
Warranty	Should offer standard 1 year warranty
Support Offices	Participating firm should have field offices in at least three offices (excluding Karachi) in Sindh to provide after-sales service

DISPLAY

- 8-Inch, Capacitive, Multi-Touch Display
- 1280 x 800 HD Resolution

PROCESSOR

- Octa-Core 64-bit Mobile Processor

STORAGE

- 32GB, Expandable via MicroSD (Up to 32GB)

MEMORY

- 1 GB RAM

CAMERA

- 2.0 MP Front Camera
- 720p Video (Front)
- 5.0 MP Rear Camera with Flash LED
- 1080p Video (Rear)

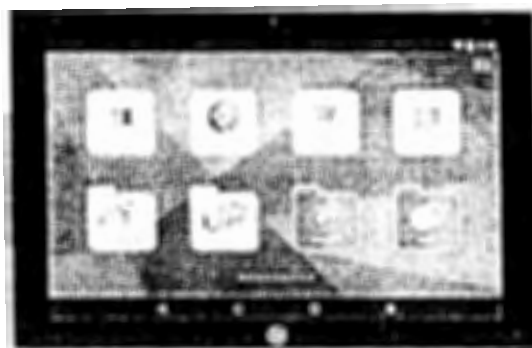
BATTERY

- 4500 mAh, Rechargeable Lithium-Polymer Battery

SIZE & WEIGHT

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- Width: 8.98 Inches (228 mm)
- Height: 5.94 Inches (151 mm)
- Depth: 0.94 Inches (24 mm)
- Weight: 1.16 Pounds (528 g)

OS

- Android 5.1 Lollipop
- Blue Morpho OS Overlay

NETWORK

- Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n
- Bluetooth 4.0
- NFC

INPUT/OUTPUT

- MicroSD Compatible Cartridge Slot
- 3.5 mm Standard Audio Jack
- Built-in Microphone
- nabi Connector
- Micro USB

AUDIO + VIDEO FORMAT

- Audio: MP3, AAC, WMA
- Video: MPEG-4, H.263, H.264, WMV