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Chairperson,
Higher Education Commission,
Islamabad.

Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Project Director (PMNLS), Higher Education Commission, Islamabad's Tender Notice for Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad's Tender Notice published in daily "Jang" on 12th April, 2015. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

As per advertisement the price of the Tender documents is given as PRs 20,000/-, which appears costly in light of the Procurement rule and is violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Rule 23(5). The Rule is quoted below for your reference;


25. Bidding documents.- (5) The procuring agency shall provide a set of bidding documents to any supplier or contractor, on request and subject to payment of price, if any.

Explanation.- For the purpose of this sub-rule price means the cost of printing and providing the documents only.

The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding the mis-procurement charge under Rule No 50, 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 Mazaffar
Chairman

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

1. Secretary to Prime Minister, Islamabad.
2. Director General, NAB, Islamabad.
3. Chairman, Prime Minister's Inspection Commission, Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.



Higher Education Commission

Sector H-9, Islamabad



INVITATION TO BIDS

The Higher Education Commission, Pakistan invites sealed bids directly from the interested manufacturers/ principals (Original Equipment Manufacturers – OEMs) under the

“Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme”

The bidder must be registered body duly recognized in Pakistan and be registered with FBR for Tax purpose through local arrangement(s); have registered supplier(s)/ partner(s) with sufficient financial, technical and human resources; OR have own arrangements to complete the project within prescribed time limit on the finalization of contract for supply of four hundred thousand (400,000) Laptop computers in next four (04) years i.e., one hundred thousand (100,000) laptop computers (2-in-1 detachable) annually.

Though the prime objective of the project is provisioning of laptops to talented students, however bidders are required to produce laptops locally assembled while diffusing the import gradually over next four years as per the schedule defined in bidding document.

Bidding document containing detailed terms and conditions, method of procurement, procedure for submission of bids, bid security, bid validity, opening of bid, evaluation criteria, clarification/ rejection of bids, performance guarantee etc. is available for the interested OEMs at Accounts Section, Finance Division, Higher Education Commission, Sector H – 9, Islamabad – Pakistan. Price of the bidding document is Rs. 20,000/-. Bidding documents can be downloaded from <http://www.hec.gov.pk> free of cost; however, interested bidders will be required to have registered copy purchased from HEC, in order to participate in tender process.

The bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding document, must reach at Higher Education Commission, Sector H-9, Islamabad on or before **Tuesday the May 12, 2015 at 1400 hrs.** Bids will be opened the same day at 1430 hrs, in the presence of bidders who chose to attend. **Pre-bid meeting** will be held on **Thursday the April 21, 2015 at 2.00pm** in the Video Conference Lecture Hall, Higher Education Commission, Sector H – 9, Islamabad. The bidders should submit a bank draft (from scheduled bank) equal to 2% of the averaged bid value for one year, which must accompany the bid in a sealed envelope marked as “Earnest Money” along with technical proposal; drawn in favor of D.G. (Finance), Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. This tender is being executed under PPRA rule 36(b) “Single Stage – Two Envelope”. HEC reserves the right to accept/ reject any or all the bids/ tenders at any stage while assigning reason(s) thereof. This advertisement is also available at PPRA (<http://www.ppra.org.pk/>) website.

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