



HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

No.1-467/HEC/RE/09 - 701
Dated: 20 May 2010

Subject: ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN UNIVERSITY, MULTAN.

Dear Sir,

Reference Your Letter No. F.1(44)/DD-II/PPRA/2010 dated 26 & 30 March 2010.

The Higher Education Commission advertised in the national press and websites of PPRA & HEC regarding Expression of Interest (E.O.I) for prequalification of Engineering Consultants for Women University Multan. The firms were invited to submit information on prescribed forms made available in the office of DG (Services), HEC (Annex-I). M/s ECIL did not collect the application form besides submitting application on prescribed format rather submitted company profile showing lack of interest for the job. Anyhow, the application form and criteria was sent to M/s ECIL and to other 41 firms on 23rd December 2009 with an invitation to submit the information on prescribed format by 2nd January 2010 (Annex-II). But again M/s ECIL did not furnish the required information on prescribed format that it took extra time by the scrutiny committee to extract information from their documents. All this was done to give M/s ECIL a fair chance to compete.

M/s ECIL was shortlisted and invited on 30 January 2010 to make a presentation on 15th February 2010 along with other 10 shortlisted firms (Annex-III). Although the Prime Minister Secretariat wants to execute the project expeditionary but on the request of M/s ECIL, the time for presentation was extended up to 22nd February 2010.

On the basis of EOI and the presentation, M/s ECIL and other 10 shortlisted firms were requested on 1st March 2010 to submit their technical and financial proposals by 15th March 2010. M/s ECIL again requested for extension in time for submission of Technical

& Financial Proposals which was not accepted as Prime Minister Secretariat had pressed to start the project as early as possible.

All the technical proposals were evaluated by a committee of senior officers / Engineers. The following shortcomings / deficiencies were noted in the technical proposal of ECIL.

1. M/s ECIL had not perceived / conceived according to site specific parameters but took an assumption if High-tension electrical lines passing through the site were not present during preparation of Master Plan and buildings were placed underneath these lines against the norms of WAPDA to leave 60 feet clearance on both sides of the HT Line as a right of way.
2. The placement of main gate, parking and roundabout on north corner of plot was not appreciated by the committee since the approach to site way from other side i.e. from Multan.
3. The residential zone was placed near the external road which was not appreciated.
4. The activity chart/time schedule proposed by M/s ECIL was relatively more as compared to the time mentioned in TOR and other competitive firms.

The factor stated above resulted in lower score of M/s ECIL in the technical evaluation. M/s ECIL secured 47.4 numbers out of 100, stands on 7th number (Annex-IV). As already mentioned in the ToR, that financial bid of top five (5) firms will have to be evaluated on the basis of technical proposals, therefore the financial bid of M/s ECIL was returned unopened.

The financial bids of top five (5) firms were opened in the presence of representatives. The financial and technical proposals were evaluated as per following weight-age, already mentioned in ToR.

• Technical	=	80%
• Financial	=	20%
Total	=	100%

This weight-age is in line with the PEC standard procedure for evaluation of proposals for procurement of Engineering Services (Clause 5.2.3) and PPRA rules for procurement of consultancy services 3(b).

It is evident from the above that appointment of consultant has been done as per PPRA & PEC Rules as endorsed by PPRA and No violation has been made in this procedure. The allegations of transparency international have also not been found correct in an internal inquiry by HEC.

Regards,

Sincerely Yours


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