



5th June, 2015

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed,
Chairman,
Higher Education Commission
Islamabad.

Sub: Objections on the Rs. 20 Billion Phase- II of the Prime Minister's Laptops Scheme for 4
year Procurement of the 400,000 Laptops.

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your e-mail signed by Mr. Abdul Khaliq to Transparency International Pakistan along with the revised RFP at 10:52 am on 5th June, 2015.

The RFP revised on the basis of the meeting held last month has been examined and following ambiguity have been noticed which need to be rectified.

The bids are to be submitted/ opened on 9th June, 2015 which is only 1 working day after today. The opening date is requested to be postponed further so that the amendment as a result of Transparency International Pakistan's observation are incorporated in the revised RFP which has to be sent to bidder at least 7 days before submission of bids thereafter.

1. The tender for 200,000 Laptop computer (2-in-1 detachable) is revised from 400,000 to 200,000 but at many places in the revised RFP 400,000 quantity is still mentioned.
2. The condition that 100,000 Laptop computer (2-in-1 detachable) should be supplied within 180 days of the opening of LC whereas next 100,000 are to be delivered within 4 months thereafter and should be assembled/ manufactured in Pakistan. This condition cannot be met by any other vendor except M/s Haier. Therefore it is a difficult and discriminatory condition under Rule No. 32 Public Procurement Rules 2004. The local manufacturing condition should be deleted to make tender transparent and enable wider participation of suppliers/ manufacturers in this procurement.
3. The successful bidder have to bear the cost of 5 HEC persons for pre-shipment inspection at the manufacturing factory should be removed and if HEC wants it they have to do it on their own and not at the cost of the bidder. Second alternate is that HEC may approve international surveyor for inspection and give inspection request which will be more appropriate.
4. The condition that minimum annual turnover for last 3 years will be Rs 2 billion per annum is very very high and should be reduced substantially.
5. The weight of the laptop is increased from 3.1 to 4 pound which apparently seems to accommodate particular supplier which should be deleted.



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With Regards,

Sohail Muzaffar
Chairman

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

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