

Islamabad, the 14th February, 2011.

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Subject : VIOLATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES, 2004 –
SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY ON
MODERNIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF PAKISTAN MINT,
LAHORE BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 17-1-2011 on the subject captioned above.

2. It is stated that previously advertisement was published on 10th September, 2009 to obtain proposals for Modernization and Restructuring of Pakistan Mint, Lahore. But the process was postponed due to non-finalization of Request for Proposal Document (RFP – Document) timely.

3. In compliance with Rule 23 of Public Procurement Rules (PPR), 2004, the advertisement was again published on 5th June, 2010 and RFP – Document was uploaded on the website of Finance Division (www.finance.gov.pk) and PPRA (www.ppra.org.pk). Only one firm submitted its Technical and Financial Proposal. Six members Selection Committee including the representatives of Planning Division and Establishment Division evaluated the Technical Proposal in terms of Rule 36 (b) (iii) of PPR, 2004 but the firm could not qualify for opening of Financial Proposal.

4. Now, advertisement has been **re-published** widely in national press on 15th January, 2011 and 79 pages RFP – Document has also been uploaded on the website of Finance Division and PPRA in terms of Rule 36(b) of PPR 2004 and Clause 3(B) of Procurement of Consultancy Services Regulations(PCSRS), 2010. The method of Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) has been adopted because there are no well established practices and standards for consultancy on coinage. Therefore, high quality will be given prime consideration due to lack of expertise of minting in private sector.

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5. REP-Document has been prepared in accordance with Rule-23 of PPR, 2004 and clause -2 (f) of PCSR, 2010 which included the following requisite Sections;

- i) Letter of invitation;
- ii) Instructions of consultants;
- iii) terms of reference;
- iv) evaluation criteria;
- v) the proposed contract; and
- vi) Integrity Pact.

6. Pakistan Mint is a government owned unique and strategic installation. Government of Pakistan intends to convert it into State-of-the-Art establishment to boost up its efficiency and expand its services.

7. It is to assure that all codal formalities have been fulfilled and that all the remaining processes will be carried out in a transparent manner strictly in compliance with PPR, 2004 and Procurement of Consultancy Services Regulations, 2010

8. This issues with the approval of Additional Finance Secretary (IF).

Yours sincerely,



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2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
3. Auditor General of Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad