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Mr. Zahid Hamid,
Federal Minister,
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Project Director "Up-gradation & Modernization of Pilot Plants", Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad's Tender Notice for the Supply of Boiler & Powder Metallurgy Unit by Atomization.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad's tender Notice, published in daily "Nawaiwaqt" on 13th May, 2014. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

1. As per the advertisement the undersigned has not mentioned about the closing and opening date and time of bid in the advertisement, which is a mandatory requirement of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Rule No. 13. The rule is quoted below for your reference:

13. Response time:- *The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen days for national competitive bidding and thirty days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.*

2. Also, Ministry of Science & Technology has not mentioned about the bidding documents to be collected by the bidder, which is violation of Rule No. 23(5). The rule is stated as under:

23. 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.

Also, as per PPRA guidelines in the 'Desirable Minimum Information to Be Provided in Tender Notice' contains also the Closing time and date as well as place for receiving bids.

DESIRABLE MINIMUM INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN TENDER NOTICE

1. Name of procuring agency.
2. Tender number (for identification)
3. Procurement Title (indicating type and quantity).
4. Contact person (for seeking bidding documents).
5. Last date for obtaining bidding documents and its price (if any).
6. Closing time and date as well as place for receiving bids.
7. Time and Place of public opening of bids (Bids must be opened on the closing date).
8. Amount of bid security (%age of bid price).
9. Time period for performance of contract.



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.

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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. Mr. Khurshid Shah, Leader of Oposition & Chairman, PAC, National Assembly, Islamabad.
3. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.

TENDER NOTICE

Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of Pakistan

Sealed tenders are invited from the firms registered with Income Tax & GST department for the supply of **Boiler and Powder Metallurgy Unit by Atomization**. For details visit PPRA website www.ppra.org.pk and PCSIR website www.pcsir.gov.pk

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