



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

Chairman,  
Pakistan Railways,  
Headquarter Office,  
Lahore.

Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Deputy Chief Marketing Manager, Pakistan Railways, Expression of Interest for the appointment of forwarding agent for the management of the Gul (ECO) Container Train.

Dear Sir,

The Deputy Chief Marketing Manager, Pakistan Railways, Lahore's expression of interest notice for the appointment of forwarding agent for the marketing, booking and commercial management of the Gul (ECO) container train, published in daily "Express" and "The News" on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, is against the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

Pakistan Railways has made no mention about the bidding documents to be collected by bidders, which is a violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004. The rule is stated below for your information;

**23. Bidding documents.**— (1) *Procuring agencies shall formulate precise and unambiguous bidding documents that shall be made available to the bidders immediately after the publication of the invitation to bid.*

Pakistan Railways has also overlooked the "Tender Guidelines" available on the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's website, according to which it is mandatory on the procuring agency to mention the bid opening time and place in the notice inviting tender.

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.

TI Pakistan is striving to have Rule of Law in Pakistan.

With Regards,

Syed Adil Gilani  
Advisor

Copies forwarded for the information of:

1. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
3. Registrar, Supreme Court.
4. Auditor General, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.



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## *Invitation for Expression of Interest*

### **Appointment of Forwarding Agent for the Marketing, Booking and Commercial Management of the Gul (ECO) Container Train Ex. Pakistan to Turkey Via Iran.**

The Gul Container Train (ECO) with a hauling capacity of 26 TEUs/ 13 FEUs container is scheduled to run on Islamabad/Lahore-Quetta-Kohi Taftan-Tehran-Istanbul route on 1st Thursday of every month covering a total distance of 6443 Kms in 11 days almost equally distributed among the three countries.

This train can be connected to cargo train between Tehran-Almatay, Central Asian States and Europe.

Special reduced rates have been introduced by the three Railways as under:-

#### **(Rate per Container per Kilometer in Euro)**

Description	Pakistan	Iran	Turkey
40 feet (FEU)	0.27	0.31	0.28
20 feet (TEU)	0.18	0.25	0.22

Volume of business is expected to increase with improvement in infrastructure.

Expression of interest is invited from the experienced and financially sound parties working in the field of handling of containers for appointment as Forwarding Agent for the Marketing, Booking and Commercial Management of the Gul (ECO) Train.

The Expression of interest (EOI) may be sent to the office of the Deputy Chief Marketing Manager by **10-10-2011** at the following address:



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