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Chairman,
Pakistan Telecommunication Authority
Islamabad.

Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules 2004, Director (Wire-line Licensing) Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, Islamabad's Public Notice for Third Party Service Provider (TPSP) License and Authorization.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to PTA, Islamabad's Public Notice published in daily "Dawn" on 7th April, 2017. It is observed that the advertisement is in violation of the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

1. As per advertisement, no response time is given for bidders for the submission/ opening of applications. It is a violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Rule No.13 (1). Stated as under;

13. Response time. - (1) 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.

It is mentioned in PPRA 'Tender Guidelines' on their website, that Tender Notice should contain closing date, time and place for receiving bids, as well as time of public opening of bids (Copy Attached).

2. Also, the document and non-refundable processing fee is given as PRs 50,000/-, which appears costly in light of the Procurement Rule and is violation of Rule No.16 (2) of PPRA Rules. Stated as under;

16. Pre-qualification process.- (2) The procuring agency shall provide a set of pre-qualification documents to any supplier or contractor, on request and subject to payment of price, if any.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-rule price means the cost of printing and providing the documents only.

3. Also, "PTA reserves the right to reject any or all applications at any stage without assigning any reasons or justification." It is a violation of Rule No.16 (4) of PPRA Rules, as per the rule the reason of rejection should be communicated to the applicants. Stated as under;

16. Pre-qualification process.- (4) The procuring agency shall communicate to those suppliers or contractors who have not been pre-qualified the reasons for not pre-qualifying them.

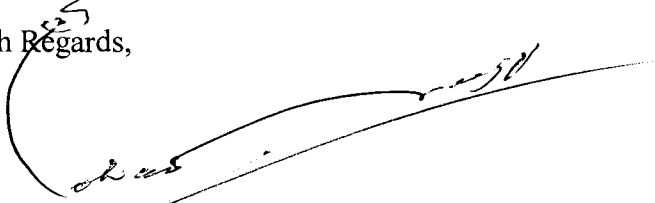
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The above information is forwarded for the purpose of avoiding mis-procurement charge under Rule No 50, and with request to re-invite the notice under the prescribed procedures or issue a corrigendum.

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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. Director General, NAB, Rawalpindi
3. Chairman, Prime Minister's Inspection Commission, Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS LICENSE AND AUTHORIZATION

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) are working together on the provision of conducive regulatory and technological framework to support the provisioning of low cost and interoperable branchless / mobile banking services in Pakistan. Towards this objective, SBP's Regulations for Mobile Banking Interoperability, 2016 and PTA's Regulations for Technical Implementation of Mobile Banking, 2016 have been issued.

Under these regulations, Third Party Services Providers (TPSPs) have been allowed to provide technical services for channeling, routing and switching transactions for mobile / branchless banking. TPSPs will be licensed by PTA and authorized by SBP for interoperability purpose within branchless banking domain.

PTA under the provisions of Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 (the "Act") invites applications for TPSP licenses from interested Pakistani and foreign applicants (duly incorporated /registered with the Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in Pakistan under provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1984) as per the details, procedures and requirements available in the Information Memorandum for TPSP available at PTA's website (www.pta.gov.pk)

The successful applicants will be granted TPSP license under the provisions of the Act by PTA for a period of 10 years and authorization will be granted by SBP.

Interested applicants may submit applications along with requisite documents and non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 50,000/- in the form of PO/DD in favour of "Pakistan Telecommunication Authority" at the address given below. An authorized representative of each interested applicant shall sign & stamp all pages and the application. For each Application, the interested applicant shall submit one (1) original and three (3) duly signed and stamped copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked as "Application for TPSP". This envelope shall bear the submission address. Each application shall be marked as "ORIGINAL" or "COPY" appropriately. If there are any discrepancies between the original and the copies of the Application, the original shall prevail.

PTA will inform the successful applicants through email or telephone or FAX. The submission of applications shall not establish any right or claim whatsoever of any applicant against PTA. PTA reserves the right to reject any or all applications at any stage without assigning any reasons or justifications. Further information can be obtained from the PTA website (www.pta.gov.pk) or the contact given below.

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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.