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Governor,
State bank of Pakistan,
I.I.Chundrigger Road,
Karachi

Sub: Violation of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 –RFO for Services of
Consultants for undertaking Independent Review of Procurement Functions

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has received complaints on the RFP documents of State Bank of Pakistan for RFO for Services of Consultants for undertaking Independent Review of Procurement Functions.

According to the Public Procurement Rules 2004, the only method of award of Contract to consulting firms is on the basis of technical qualifications, and then the lowest proposal shall be awarded the contract.

36 (b) (v) the procuring agency shall evaluate the technical proposal in a manner prescribed in advance, without reference to the price and reject any proposal which does not conform to the specified requirements;

(vi) during the technical evaluation no amendments in the technical proposal shall be permitted;

(vii) the financial proposals of bids shall be opened publicly at a time, date and venue announced and communicated to the bidders in advance;

(viii) after the evaluation and approval of the technical proposal the procuring agency, shall at a time within the bid validity period, publicly open the financial proposals of the technically accepted bids only. The financial proposal of bids found technically non-responsive shall be returned un-opened to the respective bidders; and

(ix) the bid found to be the lowest evaluated bid shall be accepted.

The other issue is that evaluation criteria shall be given in detail, including the sub criteria. Example is quoted below, as SBP document in this respect is not detailed. .

The points given to each category of evaluation criteria are:

Description/Items Points

i) Specific experience of the consultants related to the Assignment [5-10]

ii) Adequacy of the proposed Work Plan and Methodology in responding to the TOR [10-30]

iii) Qualification and competence of the Key Staff for the Assignment [30-60]

(iv) Suitability for the transfer of knowledge Programme (training) [0-5]

Total Points: 100



- The points earmarked for evaluation sub-criteria for suitability of Key staff are:-

Points

- (i) Academic and General qualifications [20-30]
- (ii) Professional experience related to the Project [50-60]
- (iii) Knowledge of language(s) [5-10]
- (iv) Status with the firm (Permanent & duration with Firm) [0-5]

Total Points: 100

- The minimum qualifying technical score [65-75] Points.

Transparency International Pakistan request the Governor to direct the concerned department to observe the compliance of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 which has eliminated all discretions in procurement process.

Your sincerely,


Syed Adil Gilani,
Chairman,