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Subject: Complaint of Non-Issuance of Evaluation Report by BISP in the Data Center Project -TI Letter dated 14th February 2012 and PPRA Letters dated 15th February 2012 and 22nd February 2012.

Dear Ma'am,

TI-Pakistan is in receipt of Procurement Specialist (Goods), BISP's letter No. F.29/IT/BISP/2010 dated 21st February 2012 forwarded by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority through its letter No. F.1(207)/DD-II/PPRA/2012 dated 22nd February 2012 regarding the complaint of non-issuance of Evaluation Report by BISP in the Data Center Project.


TI-P acknowledges that BISP has ensured compliance of these rules by ensuring confidentiality prior to finalization of the process as required under Rule 41. BISP has also stated that the process is expected to be completed within a week, however the results are still not available on Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's website even after a lapse of 09 days. In 02 months and 07 days, BISP has not been able to evaluate the bids, which may lead to confirm the complainant's views.

It is advised that BISP should also take into account the ten days gap which is mandatory to be given before the award of contract (Rule 35) and the 15 days' time required for the grievance redressal (Rule 48(3)). This 25 days' time period means that the BISP should have announced the Evaluation Reports by 01st March 2012 since according to BISP's letter the bid validity period is of 90 days ending on 25th March 2012. According to Rule 26(3), a "procuring agency shall ordinarily be under an obligation to process and evaluate the bid within the stipulated bid validity period", therefore BISP should have announced the Evaluation Results in the form of a report latest by 01st March 2012.

In view of the above observations, TI-P recommends that BISP may consider to re-invite the subject procurement, as the tender has become controversial.

Transparency International Pakistan is for across the board application of the PPRA Ordinance 2002 and the Public Procurement Rules 2004.

Regards,


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