GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SINDH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Karachi, dated the 19 February, 2019

- The Senior Member, Board of Revenue Sindh, Hyderabad.
- The Principal Secretary to the Governor Sindh, Karachi.
- The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
- The Chairman, Chief Minister’s Inspection Team, Karachi.
- The Registrar, High Court of Sindh, Karachi.
- The Administrative Secretaries (All), Government of Sindh, Karachi.
- The Chairman, Enquiries, Anti-Corruption Establishment, SGA&CD, Karachi.
- The Secretary, Provincial Assembly of Sindh, Karachi.
- The Chairman, Sindh Revenue Board, Karachi.
- The Accountant General Sindh, Karachi.
- The Secretary to Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, Karachi.
- The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
- The Inspector General of Prisons Sindh, Karachi.
- The Director General, Sindh Civil Services Academy, Karachi.
- The Divisional Commissioners/ Deputy Commissioners (All in Sindh).
- The Registrar, Sindh Services Tribunal, Karachi.
- The Secretary, Sindh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
- The Chief of Autonomous/ Semi-Autonomous Bodies (All in Sindh).
- The Chief Engineers/ Superintendent Engineers (All in Sindh).
- The Metropolitan Commissioner, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Karachi.

Subject: COMPLIANCE OF SINDH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES.

The objective of Sindh Public Procurement (SPP) Rules, 2010 (Amended Up to date) is to ensure that public procurements are conducted in a fair and transparent manner in order to bring efficiency, economy and value for money. The compliance of these rules in letter and spirit is, therefore, mandatory for all public procurement agencies in to observe the fundamental principles of public procurement. In this regard, the Authority has invigorated various training programs and workshops, which are offered by SPPRA itself and through some prestigious universities of Sindh as well as available online, to strengthen the capacity of staff engaged in procurement process.

2. However, the Authority has been receiving frequent complaints from bidders against some procuring agencies indicating the repetitive issues as follows:

- Non-issuance of bid documents to the bidders;
- Non-receipt/ acceptance of bid documents from bidders;
- Non-receipt/ acceptance of bid documents downloaded from the Authority’s website;
- Non-acceptance of bid documents sent by bidders through mail; and
- Non-opening of bids in presence of bidders on scheduled venue, date, and time.

3. The above acts are clear violations of Rules-20 (1 & 2), 24(1 & 2), and 41(3, 4 & 5) of SPP Rules, 2010 (Amended Up to date) as reproduced below:

Rule 20 – Provision of Bidding Documents: The procuring agency shall provide the bidding documents to all interested bidders in accordance with procedures and requirements specified in the Notice Inviting Tender;
Rule 24 – Submission of Bids: Bids shall be submitted on the place, date and time and in the manner specified in the tender notice and bidding documents and any bid submitted late due to any reasons whatsoever, shall not be considered by the procurement committee. The Bidders may submit bids on the bidding documents issued by the procuring agency or downloaded from the Authority’s website along with tender fee if any by mail or by hand.

Rule 41(3), (4) & (5) – Opening of Bids: The bids shall be opened within one hour of the deadline for submission of bids. All bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of all the bidders, or their representatives, who may choose to be present in person, at the time and place announced in the invitation to bid. The procuring agency shall read aloud the name of the bidder and total amount of each bid, and of any alternative bid if they have been permitted, shall be read aloud and recorded when opening.

4. You are, therefore, requested to direct the procuring agencies under your administrative control to comply with SPP Rules and ensure procurements of goods, works, and services are conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

A copy is forwarded for information to:-

1. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
2. The PS to Minister Food & Parliamentary Affairs/ Chairman SPPRA Board.
3. The PS to Managing Director SPPRA, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
4. The PS to Director General (Audit) Sindh, Karachi.