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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
 PUNJAB PROCUREMENT REGULATORY
 AUTHORITY, S&GAD**

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CIRCULAR

No. L&M(PPRA)10-1/2011. Under rule 67A of Punjab Procurement Rules 2014 (PPR-14), Managing Director Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has been entrusted with the powers to receive, hear and adjudicate the complaints/representations filed by the bidders/contractors aggrieved by the decision of Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) within seven (07) days of communication of the decision under rule 67A(1) of PPR-14 and in case of violation of any provision of PPR-14 under rule 67A(3) of PPR-14. Rule 67A is reproduced as under:

"67A. Representation or complaint before the Managing Director.— (1) Any bidder aggrieved by any decision of the Grievance Redressal Committee may file a representation before the Managing Director within seven days of communication of the decision.

(2) The Managing Director may suspend the procurement proceedings till the final decision:

Provided that mere filling of a representation does not mean suspension of the procurement process.

(3) In case of violation of any provision of the rules, not being a grievance as mentioned under rule 67 of the rules, any person may file a complaint before the Managing Director.

(4) The decision of the Managing Director on representation or complaint, as the case may be, shall be final.

(5) A fee, to be decided by the Authority from time to time, in shape of demand draft shall be submitted in the name of the Managing Director for filing a representation or complaint, as the case may be. The refund of such fee in case of true and genuine representation or complaint and forfeiture in case of false

and frivolous representation or complaint shall be decided by the Managing Director on case to case basis."

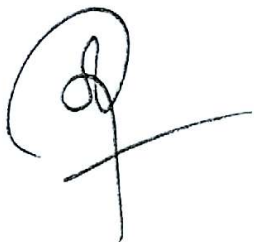
2. PPRA Board of Management in its 48th meeting held on 15.06.2023 has approved an amount of Rs. 50,000/- as fee for filing representation/complaint before Managing Director PPRA. However, before lodging written representation/complaint before Managing Director PPRA under rule 67A(1) or 67A(3) of PPR-14, the firms/companies/bidders/proprietors/contractors shall attach the following documents alongwith their complaint w.e.f. 07.10.2024:

- I. Comprehensive description of the procurement transaction along-with relevant law / rules / terms & conditions / bidding documents proving any irregularity/violation committed by the procuring agency.
- II. In case of representation under rule 67A(1) of PPR-14, copy of the decision by GRC or copy of grievance petition submitted to GRC (in case GRC has not passed any decision within stipulated time period provided under rule 67 of PPR-14).
- III. Copy of National Identity Card (NIC) along-with authority letter to file & contest the complaint on behalf of firm / company / bidder / proprietor/ contractor.
- IV. Affidavit on stamp paper worth Rs. 100; that the information provided in the representation/complaint is correct to the best of one's knowledge and belief.
- V. Demand draft amounting to Rs. 50,000/- (in the name of Managing Director PPRA) as mandatory fee for filing the representation/complaint before MD, PPRA. Furthermore, the refund of such fee in case of true and genuine representation or complaint and forfeiture in case of false and frivolous representation or complaint shall be decided by the Managing Director PPRA on case to case basis.

3. It is further clarified that where a complaint embraces two or more distinct subjects or co-jointly filed by two or more complainants in a single complaint, the complaint shall be chargeable with the aggregate amount of fee to which the complaints embracing separately each of such subjects would be liable for separate fee.

4. It is further advised that upon receipt of grievance under rule 67 of PPR-14, Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) shall pass a speaking order and procuring agency shall communicate the same to the bidder with a statement that the bidder may, within seven (07) days of passing such order, prefer a representation against the decision of GRC before the Managing Director PPRA.

5. Any complaint, which is not compliant to the aforementioned parameters, shall not be entertained and shall be dismissed in limine.



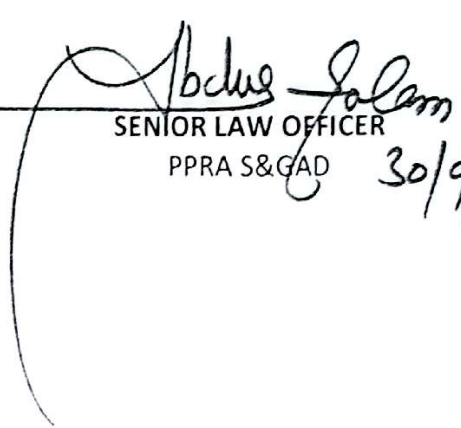
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(WAQAR AZIM)
Managing Director PPRA

No. & Date even.

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Punjab.
2. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board.
3. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
4. The Secretary to Governor, Punjab.
5. The Inspector General of Police, Punjab.
6. The Accountant General, Punjab.
7. All the Administrative Secretaries, Govt. of the Punjab.
8. The Secretary, I&C, S&GAD, Lahore.
9. All the Divisional Commissioners in Punjab.
10. The Head SMU, Chief Minister Office.
11. All the Heads of Attached Departments, Punjab.
12. All the Heads of Autonomous Bodies, Punjab.
13. The Director General Anti-Corruption Punjab.
14. The Additional Secretary (Welfare), S&GAD, Lahore.

15. All the Deputy Commissioners in Punjab.
16. PSO to the Chairman PPRA/Chief Secretary, Punjab.
17. PSO to the Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab.
18. ✓ Web-Developer/Data Administrator, PPRA with the direction to immediately upload the same on the website of the PPRA.
19. PS to MD, PPRA.


SENIOR LAW OFFICER
PPRA S&GAD

30/9/2024

CC:

1. The Registrar, Lahore High Court Lahore.
2. The Director General NAB, Lahore.
3. The Ombudsman, Punjab.