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

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No. L&M(PPRA)10-01/2011. PPRA frequently is being approached through grievance petitions submitted to the procuring agency and copy to PPRA raising objections on the evaluation report after opening of the financial bid. It has been observed that invariably all such grievance petition have been lodged by the 2nd lowest bidder. PPRA is of the concerted opinion that keeping mum till the opening of the financial bid and then raising objections on the technical evaluation after determination of the 1st lowest bidder is a malafide and engineered move by the bidders to derail the process and create unnecessary bottlenecks for the procurement which most of the time results in lapsing of the funds and as such deprive the end beneficiary (general public) of the benefit which otherwise it could have availed.

2. In order to curtail the negative streak of mind and malafide intention all procuring agency are advised to devise the process in such a way that all bidders technically qualified in the procurement process may have an opportunity to raise their objections, if any, through their grievance petition against any of the technically qualified competitor. Prior to the opening of financial bid the most appropriate and plausible resolution could be that all the technically qualified bidders may be given a margin of one day after the announcement of technical evaluation report where after the financial bid may be opened.

3. It may also be provided explicitly in the bidding document (instruction to bidder) that after lapse of given time between the declaration of technical evaluation report and opening of the financial no grievance petition would be entertained
concerning the technical qualification of successful bidder. The objection after the opening of the financial bid would remain restricted to the financial bid only. In this way the procuring agency would be able to mitigate the chances of lapsing of the funds and derailing of the process. It may also successfully ensure the procuring agency to have an efficient and effective procurement process. The advice however shall not impede the right of bidder to file grievance petition if any as provided under rule 67 of PPRA Rules-2014.

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1. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board;
2. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Punjab;
3. The Inspector General of Police, Punjab;
4. The Accountant General, Punjab.
5. All the Administrative Secretaries, Government of the Punjab;
6. All the Divisional Commissioners;
7. All Head of the Attached Departments Punjab.
8. The Director General NAB, Lahore.
9. The Director General Anti-corruption Punjab.
10. The Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore;
11. All the Deputy Commissioner;
12. Web Developer/Data Administrator, PPRA with the direction to immediately upload the same on the website of the PPRA.
13. PA to MD, PPRA.