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To
The Convener,
Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC)
National Heritage & Culture Division
Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

Subject: Grievance under Rule 48 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 against Discriminatory Eligibility Condition in Tender Ref. No. P55703 (Outsourcing of Janitorial, Museum Attendant & Electrician Services)

Respected Sir,

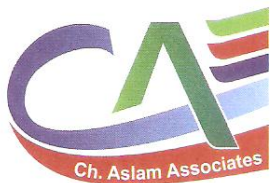
The undersigned respectfully submits this grievance under Rule 48 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 against the bidding documents issued for Tender Ref. No. **P55703** regarding **Outsourcing of Janitorial, Museum Attendant & Electrician Services**.

The bidding documents prescribe that **only SECP Registered Companies** is eligible to participate in the procurement process.

With utmost respect, it is submitted that the above condition is discriminatory, unreasonable and contrary to the fundamental principles of public procurement for the following reasons:

1. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules are based on the principles of **fairness, transparency, economy and maximum competition**. Eligibility conditions should facilitate competition instead of unnecessarily restricting it.
2. Janitorial and manpower outsourcing services can lawfully be provided by Companies, Partnership Firms, Sole Proprietorships and Associations of Persons (AOPs). These business entities are recognized under the laws of Pakistan and are legally competent to enter into contracts with Government Departments.
3. Restricting participation exclusively to SECP registered companies excludes a large number of legally established firms without any rational nexus to the nature of the procurement. Such restriction has no direct relationship with technical capability, financial capacity or past experience.
4. The object of eligibility criteria is to evaluate the competence of bidders through relevant experience, financial capability, tax compliance, human resources and technical capacity, and not merely through the legal form of business organization.
5. The impugned condition unnecessarily narrows competition, deprives the Procuring Agency of receiving competitive bids and defeats the objectives of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

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6. The Hon'ble Superior Courts have consistently held that procurement conditions must be reasonable, non-discriminatory and should not be tailored in a manner that restricts fair competition without lawful justification.

In view of the above, it is respectfully prayed that the Grievance Redressal Committee may kindly:

a. Declare the condition restricting participation to **"Only SECP Registered Firms/Companies"** as discriminatory and inconsistent with Rules 4, 15, 20, 21 and 32 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

b. Direct the Procuring Agency to amend the eligibility criteria to read as follows:

"The Bidder may be a Company incorporated with SECP or a Partnership Firm/AOP/Sole Proprietorship duly registered under the applicable laws of Pakistan, possessing valid NTN, Active Taxpayer Status, relevant experience and fulfilling all other prescribed eligibility requirements."

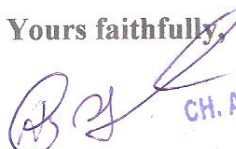
c. Issue a Corrigendum and extend the bid submission/opening date to enable all legally eligible bidders to participate.

d. Grant any other relief deemed just and proper in the circumstances.

The Applicant reserves the right to seek any other remedy available under the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, if the grievance is not redressed.

We trust that this grievance shall receive your immediate consideration in the interest of transparency, fairness and open competition.

Yours faithfully,


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