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**The Convener / Chairman,
Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC),
Pakistan Medical & DENTAL COUNCIL (PM&DC)
Sector G-10/4, Mauve Area., Islamabad**

Date: 02-09-2026

**SUBJECT: OBJECTION AGAINST RESTRICTIVE GEOGRAPHICAL ELIGIBILITY CONDITION OF
TENDER PARTICIPATION TO ISLAMABAD-BASED FIRMS**

Respected Sir,

We respectfully submit this representation regarding the subject procurement advertised by Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) through EPADS, wherein the bidding documents prescribe/restrict eligibility to firms having their office/establishment in Islamabad.

We respectfully submit that such a geographical restriction, in the absence of a specific and legally sustainable justification directly related to the subject matter of procurement, appears to be inconsistent with the fundamental principles of open, fair and transparent public procurement prescribed under the Public Procurement Rules, 2004.

Rule 20 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 establishes **open competitive bidding as the principal method of procurement**, while Rule 21 provides for open competitive bidding for procurements falling within its scope. Furthermore, the PPRA framework recognizes competitive bidding as a process intended to provide opportunity to interested and eligible firms to compete for public contracts.

In particular, **Rule 32 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 prohibits discriminatory and difficult conditions** which unnecessarily restrict or impede fair competition. A condition restricting participation exclusively to firms based in Islamabad, where the nature of the required goods/services does not objectively necessitate such geographical limitation, prima facie constitutes an unnecessary restriction upon otherwise eligible and capable firms from other parts of Pakistan.

Such a condition has the effect of excluding qualified bidders merely on the basis of their geographical location rather than their technical capability, financial capacity, experience, authorization, manpower, equipment or ability to satisfactorily perform the contract.

We further submit that the purpose of publishing the procurement opportunity through the PPRA/EPADS system is to ensure transparency and provide a fair opportunity to eligible and capable suppliers/contractors to participate in public procurement. Restricting participation to a particular city, without a clearly established procurement-related necessity, substantially narrows the field of competition and may adversely affect competitive price discovery and value for money.



It is therefore respectfully requested that PMDC may kindly:

1. **Review and withdraw the Islamabad-only geographical eligibility condition** from the bidding documents;
2. Permit participation of all otherwise eligible and qualified firms throughout Pakistan, subject to the prescribed technical, financial, experience and other lawful qualification requirements;
3. If PMDC considers the geographical restriction essential, kindly disclose the **specific legal provision, procurement-related justification and competent authority approval** under which such restriction has been imposed; (whenever PMDC is federal organization not for Islamabad territory only)
4. Issue an appropriate corrigendum/amendment to the tender documents through EPADS/PPRA so that equal opportunity is provided to all eligible bidders;
5. Where necessary, extend the bid submission deadline for a reasonable period after removal/amendment of the restrictive condition, so that all prospective bidders may have an equal opportunity to participate.

We reserve our right to approach the **Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA)** and other competent forums for appropriate redressal in case the restrictive condition is not reviewed or withdrawn.

This representation is submitted in the interest of **fair competition, transparency, equal opportunity, and protection of public funds**, and without prejudice to any other legal rights and remedies available to us under the applicable procurement laws and rules.

Thanking You

Best Regards



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