





### Traders announce protest against smart lockdown

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: The Traders Action Committee and representatives of various markets on Tuesday announced their decision to launch a countrywide protest and taken a shut-down strike on May 14 against the local administration's smart lockdown measures.

The announcement was made at a traders' convention held at Nara Market under the chairmanship of All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajirun President Ajmal Baloch.

The meeting adopted several resolutions, demanding Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Interior Minister Ishaq Dar to revise the smart lockdown timing by allowing markets to remain open until 10pm, against the current 8pm.

They said restaurants and food outlets should be permitted to operate up to midnight.

Another resolution called for the transfer of the deputy commissioner, Islamabad and other administrative officials, alleging that traders had been mistreated during enforcement operations by the officers.

The participants also urged the finance minister to replace the chief commissioner, FBR Islamabad and other officials of the tax collecting body for alleged harassment of traders in the federal capital.

The meeting also demanded relief measures for traders in the upcoming federal budget.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Baloch said the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz government had traditionally been regarded as business-friendly, but traders were facing unprecedented treatment under the current administration.

He announced that traders across Pakistan would stage protests in every district and tehsil at 8pm on May 14.

In Islamabad, traders would close their businesses from 2pm to 5pm and gather at Aalparva Chowk for a protest demonstration.

Mr Baloch warned that traders would not close shops at 9pm after May 14 and threatened protests at D-Block if the administration attempted to enforce early closures.

### PAA to construct Islamabad's tallest building

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: If all goes as planned, Pakistan Airport Authority (PAA) will construct Islamabad's tallest building in Blue Area.

PAA owns a 9,000 square yard plot in Blue Area, where it plans to construct a multi-storey high rise office cum residential building.

"Envisioned as Islamabad's tallest building, the Aviation Complex will house PAA offices, airline headquarters, business and conference facilities, banks, recreational and fitness amenities, an aviation museum, art gallery, day care, food courts and hotel accommodations," read a document of Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (PEPA).

Recently, PEPA issued a public notice, inviting comments from the general public and other stakeholders. According to the notice, public hearing will be held on May 18 in Crown Hotel Islamabad.

It is relevant to note here that Islamabad houses many skyscrapers, with under construction Garden Residential Apartment Project in F-10 Markaz is set to be the tallest building, standing at 470 feet and having 42 stories. Whereas, Centaurus Mall is around 335 feet with 29 floors. The controversial One Constitution Avenue is also among the tallest buildings with 28 stories.

In addition to CDA, building plan of the said building has been approved and now PAA wants to start construction.

"Right now, I cannot say anything whether the building will be the tallest in Islamabad or otherwise. But yes, they got building plan approved," said an officer of the CDA.



TRAFFIC piles on the newly inaugurated Markaz 11th Street Square in Rawalpindi on Tuesday. — Photo by Muhammad Asim

## Nepra tasked to probe IPPs performance, payments amid surging electricity costs

Panel wants halt to reported appointments of PAOs from private sector

By Bakhtawar Man

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on Tuesday directed the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) to probe independent power producers (IPPs) as well as capacity payments, energy payments, and extension granted to these IPPs.

Directions were also issued to Nepra to submit a detailed comparative report to the committee.

Parliamentarians expressed serious concerns over the rising cost of electricity and took notice of alleged over-invoicing, extensions beyond agreed timelines, and the absence of an effective mechanism for periodic verification of actual generation capacity by the regulator.

Nepra briefed the committee regarding tariff determination, capacity payments, energy payments to IPPs and extension granted to IPPs before the expiry of their contractual terms.

The committee also took up the prolonged delay in approval of 31kV vacuum circuit breakers. Nepra informed the committee that a deliv-

ery is expected by the end of the current month. However, the committee deferred further discussion and directed that all relevant stakeholders be invited to the next meeting.

The meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat was presided over by Senator Saleem Mandowala to deliberate on a wide range of matters relating to civil service reforms, governance, regulation, and institutional transparency.

Members of the committee discussed a calling attention notice regarding the government's reported decision to appoint Principal Accounting Officers (PAOs) from the private sector.

The committee observed that, under the constitutional framework, PAOs perform a pivotal role in the day-to-day administration of Ministries and Divisions and act as custodians of public accountability and financial discipline.

The Secretary, Establishment Division, informed the Committee that no such appointments had been made.

However, taking serious notice of the criticisms issued in this regard, the committee strongly recommended that no appointment of PAOs from the private sector be made in violation of the law.

The committee also reviewed a consumer complaint against the Northern Gas Pipelines Limited regarding an excessive gas bill amounting to Rs700,000 issued to a domestic consumer.

The committee questioned the conduct of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) in handling the appeal and directed the secretary, Establishment Division, to personally examine the matter and ensure its resolution.

Discussion on measures to ensure the due share of provinces in all federal services and corporations was referred to the Senate Functional Committee on Devolution as the appropriate forum.

The committee further discussed matters relating to the Civil Service Examination, including the induction mechanism, selection criteria, and the high failure ratio in CSS examinations.

Concerns were raised regarding reports circulating in social media alleging unusually high interview marks awarded to recent CSS toppers. The FPSC representative informed the committee that detailed marks are disclosed only to the candidates concerned. However, the committee directed the relevant authority to submit a detailed written reply along with complete results in the next meeting.

The meeting was attended by Senator Saadia Abbasi, Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti, and Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir, while Senator Amna Raza Khan, Senator Khan participated virtually via Zoom. Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumani, Senator Jan Muhammad, and Senator Saifullah Abbasi also attended the meeting as movers of agenda items.

## Over 600 students get ambassador programme course certifications

RAWALPINDI: Over 600 female students from Rawalpindi were given certifications for completing the ambassador programme course at Women Business Incubation Centre (WBIC) and Skill Enhancement Through Home Reach (SEHR), and have acquired professional skills in digital skills, hospitality and business services.

PML-N MSA Tabira Awaraj, speaking at the event organised by the Women Development Department at Rawalpindi Arts Council, stated that Punjab government is working to empower women economically.

The provincial government was ensuring practical steps for the development and welfare of women. "Women were empowered once they got technical education. Only skilled women will become empowered women," she said.

Parliamentary Secretary, Women Development Department (WDD), Saadia Tahir, while addressing the ceremony, said that the WDD Punjab was established in 2012 with the main objective of protecting women's rights.

After assuming power, she said that the PML-N government launched several projects for the welfare of women. "A target of building 600 care centres with our hillman ropes was set, out of which 355 were built. 40 female students from 40 universities of the province were made ambassadors," she said.

She said that economically strong women are the backbone of the country's economy. Under the CM Youth Pitch Program, 10 selected women will be given cheques of \$1.5 million on May 15, with which they will be able to start their own business.

She further added that as many as 2,500 women will be associated with the textile industries by the end of this month to provide employment to rural, skilled women. Women are also being represented in the chambers of Punjab.

"The Punjab Business Exchange Program is being brought for women," she said. — Staff Reporter

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Tender Schedule : Date and Time			
Tender Issue From	Tender Issuance till	Tender Submission	Tender Opening
18 May 2026	01 June 2026	2 June 2026 (11:30 am onwards)	12:00 Noon (through EPADS)

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The tender fee amounting Rs. 1,000/- (non-refundable) must be deposited in United Bank Limited Account No. 291457301 entitled "International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences Tender Account". The original Deposit Slip / Online Deposit Receipt must be submitted along with the bid.

Earnest Money must be submitted with 2% of the bid value in shape of Pay Order in favor of "International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences Tender Account" till tender submission time in ICCBS purchase office.

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The Procuring Agency may reject all or any bid subject to the relevant provision of SPP Rule No. 25.

For details of any information:  
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 Tel # 111-222-292 (150, 108), 0215419011  
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## Minister asks IBCC to contact Cambridge over fresh paper leak claims

We see a deliberate attempt to undermine integrity of exams, says Cambridge country director

By Kashif Abbas

ISLAMABAD: Following a fresh complaint of paper leak, Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Khalid Mahmood Siddiqui on Tuesday directed the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) to immediately contact Cambridge authorities to ensure a thorough investigation, factual clarification and urgent measures to protect students' interests.

Following the leak of Pure Maths 2 paper (9709) and subsequent Cambridge mistake of it on June 9, fresh allegations surfaced on Tuesday. Many students stated that the paper was available on social media just a day earlier, around 300 countries, Cambridge International Education (CIE), part of Cambridge University Press and Assessment, conduct exams in Pakistan at O and A levels. But last year, there was also an uproar by parents and students over leakage of at least five papers.

The issue was debated by the Senate and National Assembly standing committees where several parents also recorded their statements, stating that at least five papers were leaked.

They said that the paper leak was an injustice with hard working students. Subsequently, Cambridge last year acknowledged that three papers were "partially" leaked and they made adjustments for the affected students.

This year's fresh allegations, fol-

lowing the Mathematics Pure Paper and AS Mathematics paper incidents, have once again prompted the education minister to take note.

Dr Siddiqui expressed concern and regret over the alleged leak of Cambridge examination papers.

He stated that such incidents cause severe mental stress, anxiety and uncertainty for thousands of students and their parents, particularly for those who prepare for their examinations with hard work, dedication, and honesty.

The minister said that this is an extremely serious matter, especially as similar incidents were also reported last year. He added that Cambridge must further strengthen and secure its examination system, security protocols, and monitoring mechanisms to ensure they remain effective and tamper-proof, thereby restoring and maintaining students' trust and confidence.

The minister reiterated that the government of Pakistan will not compromise on the educational future of students, the transparency of the examination system, and the protection of merit.

Dr Siddiqui added that all relevant institutions must fulfill their responsibilities with seriousness and accountability.

Meanwhile, sources said that the federal government had also taken cognizance of the issue and a meeting was likely to be held at the ministry of interior on Wednesday, which will likely be attended by officers of education, ministry, Cambridge, and the NCCIA.

Yes, government has taken serious notice of paper leakage issue. A crucial meeting in this regard will likely be held at ministry of interior on Wednesday, where a roadmap will be devised," said a source in federal government.

When contacted by Dawn, Uzma Yusuf, Country Director

Cambridge University Press and Assessment, said "We investigate all allegations of leaks."

She also shared a statement with Dawn, which stated: "We do not comment on individual reports of paper leaks. In the rare case where there is a genuine issue, we update schools at the right time and provide recommended next steps. We ask people only to trust official statements from Cambridge and not add to misinformation which is very unhelpful for students."

He added: "We are using a deliberate strategy to undermine the integrity of examinations. To prevent and deter future activity, we are pursuing different legal routes. In Pakistan we have reported to the NCCIA, pursuant to the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 and we are also making a further complaint to the NCCIA in respect of the dissemination of false information in respect of leaks with them. In the UK, we have reported the math paper leak and the social media platform posts which we have identified as first posting the leaked papers to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB). We're also pursuing action in relation to a let social media platform to compel them to share data relating to the illegal sharing."

"Our priority is to make sure students are not disadvantaged by the willful malpractice of a few. We do this through certain steps such as cancellation of the leaked paper and offering a new replacement paper."

"This is also a means of discouraging students or individuals who are involved in the selling and buying of leaked papers, as the money they are investing for this theft is being wasted."

"Those who cheat or engage with leaked paper sellers face serious consequences, including the withholding of results, disqualification from exams or being banned from taking exams for up to five years," she said.

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18-05-2026	01-06-2026	02-06-2026 11:30 a.m. Through EPADS	02-06-2026 12:00 Noon Through EPADS

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**Digital PCR System**

**Qty: 01 No**

<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Technology Platform</b>	The system must utilize Digital PCR (dPCR) technology to provide absolute quantification of the target DNA/RNA molecules without the need for a standard curve.
<b>Automation</b>	Standalone fully automated system along with compatible and user friendly software operated via built-in or attached computer system/laptop.
<b>Number of Partitions</b>	Each reactions should be partitioned into $\geq 17,000$ micro-reactions.
<b>Input Volume</b>	Each reaction should have capacity of input volume 10 $\mu$ l or less.
<b>Chemistry</b>	System should be able to run both TaqMan probes and EVA Green DNA binding chemistry. The system should be open to support commercially available compatible reagents etc.
<b>Diagnostic utility</b>	The system should be compatible with human diseases diagnostic assays, including mutations detection, copy number analysis, and methylation analysis
<b>Multiplexing</b>	The system should have $\geq 7$ fluorescent detection channels per micro-reaction giving multiplexing of $\geq 20$ targets.
<b>Dynamic range</b>	The system should offer a linear dynamic range of at least 5 orders of magnitude or better for high sensitivity and precision.
<b>System throughput</b>	System should be able to run $\geq 96$ reactions/run.
<b>Authorization Letter</b>	Authorization letter for sales and service from the manufacturer would be attached.
<b>Consumables</b>	Complete Consumables/reagent of 192 samples would be included as starter package
<b>Accessories/Necessaries</b>	Turnkey system, i.e., the system would include all the relevant accessories/necessaries (computers, printers etc.) required to operationalize the instrument.
<b>EQ/OQ</b>	The EQ/OQ of the instrument would be included.
<b>Training</b>	Complete operational, data analysis, and QC training of at least 2 staff members by the Principal

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST IN PKR:            A b o v e    5.0 MILLION**

## **Instructions to bidders**

### **Preparation of Bids**

- 1. Scope of Work**      **Purchase / Import of Digital PCR System** for Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research.
  
- 2. Method and procedure of Procurement**      National Competitive Bidding **Single Stage One Envelope Procedure** as per SPP Rules 2010 (updated 2013)
  
- 2. Language of Bid**      The bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Procuring agency, shall be written in the English language
  
- 3. Documents Comprising the Bid**      The bid prepared by the Bidder shall comprise the following components:
  - (a)      Price Schedule completed in accordance with ITB Clauses 4, 5 and 6.
  - (b)      Bid security furnished in accordance with ITB Clause 9.
  
- 4. Bid Prices**
  - 4.1      The Bidder shall indicate on the appropriate Price Schedule the unit prices (where applicable) and total bid price of the Equipment it proposes to supply under the contract.
  - 4.2      the prices shall be quoted on delivery to consignee's end inclusive of all taxes, stamps, duties, levies, fees and installation and integration charges imposed till the delivery location specified in the Schedule of Requirements. No separate payment shall be made for the incidental services.
  - 4.3      Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the contract and not subject to variation on any account, unless otherwise specified in the Bid Data Sheet.
  - 4.4      Prices shall be quoted in Pak Rupees unless otherwise specified in the Bid Data Sheet. The conversion of the foreign currency currency in Pak rupees should be mentioned in case of C&F prices.

- 5. Bid Form** The Bidder shall complete the Bid Form and the appropriate Price Schedule furnished in the bidding documents, indicating chemicals to be supplied, description of the chemicals and prices.
- 6. Bid Currencies** Prices Shall be quoted in Pak Rupees or equivalent to Pak rupees in case when the prices are being quoted on C&F basis
- 7. Documents Establishing Bidder's Eligibility and Qualification** The Bidder shall furnish, as part of its bid, documents establishing the Bidder's eligibility to bid and its qualifications to perform the contract if its bid is accepted.
- (a) that the Bidder has the financial and technical capability necessary to perform the contract;
  - (b) that the Bidder meets the qualification criteria listed in the Bid Data Sheet.
- The documentary evidence of conformity of the / Import of equipment to the bidding documents may be in the form of cat number, part number etc., and shall consist a detailed description of the essential technical and performance characteristics of the system.
- 8. Documents' Eligibility and Conformity to Bidding Documents**
- 9. Bid Security**
- 9.1 The bid security is required to protect the Procuring agency against the risk of Bidder's conduct, which would warrant the security's forfeiture
- The bid security shall be denominated in the currency of the bid:
- (a) at the Bidder's option, be in the form of either demand draft/call deposit or an unconditional bank guarantee from a reputable Bank ;
  - (b) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;
  - (c) remain valid for a period of at least 14 days beyond the original validity period of bids, or at least 14 days beyond any extended period of bid validity
- 9.2 bid security shall be released to the unsuccessful bidders once the contract has been signed with the successful bidder or the validity period has expired.
- 9.3 The successful Bidder's bid security shall be discharged upon the Bidder signing the contract, and furnishing the performance security.

- 9.4 The bid security may be forfeited:
- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity or
  - (b) in the case of a successful Bidder, if the Bidder fails:
    - (i) to sign the contract in accordance or
    - (ii) to furnish performance security

**10. Period of  
Validity of  
Bids**

- 10.1 Bids shall remain valid for the period specified in the Bid Data Sheet after the date of bid submission prescribed by the Procuring agency. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Procuring agency as non responsive.
- 10.2 In exceptional circumstances, the Procuring agency may solicit the Bidder's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing. The bid security shall also be suitably extended as per Rule-38 of SPP Rules, 2010 (updated 2013). A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its bid security. A Bidder granting the request will not be required nor permitted to modify its bid.

**11. Format and  
Signing of Bid**

- 11.1 The Bidder shall prepare an original and the number of copies of the bid indicated in the Bid Data Sheet, clearly marking each "ORIGINAL BID" and "COPY OF BID," as appropriate. In the event of any discrepancy between them, the original shall govern.
- 11.2 The original and the copy or copies of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the contract. All pages of the bid, except for unamended printed literature, shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.
- 11.3 Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are initialed by the person or persons signing the bid.

## **Submission of Bids**

### **12. Sealing and Marking of Bids**

- 12.1 The Bidder shall seal the original and each copy of the bid in separate envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “ORIGINAL BID” and ONE COPY. The envelopes shall then be sealed in an outer envelope. The inner and outer envelopes shall be addressed to the Procuring agency at the address given in the BDS, and carry statement **“DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 12.00 P.M. on 02-06-2026.”**
- 12.2 If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as required, the Procuring agency shall assume no responsibility for the bid’s misplacement or premature opening.

### **13. Deadline for Submission of Bids**

- 13.1 Bids must be received by the Procuring agency at the address specified in BDS, not later than the time and date specified in the Bid Data Sheet.
- 13.2 The Procuring agency may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for the submission of bids by amending the bidding documents. In such case all rights and obligations of the Procuring agency and bidders previously subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

### **14. Late Bids**

Any bid received by the Procuring agency after the deadline for submission of bids prescribed by the Procuring agency shall be rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder.

### **15. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids**

- 15.1 The Bidder may modify or withdraw its bid after the bid’s submission, provided that written notice of the modification, including substitution or withdrawal of the bids, is received by the Procuring agency prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids.
- 15.2 No bid may be modified after the deadline for submission of bids.
- 15.3 No bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiry of the period of bid validity. Withdrawal of a bid during this interval may result in the Bidder’s forfeiture of its bid security.

## **Opening and Evaluation of Bids**

### **16. Opening of Bids by the Procuring agency**

- 16.1 The Procuring agency shall open all bids in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend, at the time, on the date, and at the place specified in the Bid Data Sheet. The bidders' representatives who are present shall sign a register/attendance sheet evidencing their attendance.
- 16.2 The bidders' names, bid modifications or withdrawals, bid prices, discounts, and the presence or absence of requisite bid security and such other details as the Procuring agency may consider appropriate, will be announced at the opening.

### **17. Clarification of Bids**

During evaluation of the bids, the Procuring agency may ask the Bidder for a clarification of its bid. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing, and no change in the prices or substance of the bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted.

### **18. Preliminary Examination**

- 18.1 The Procuring agency shall examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether required sureties have been furnished, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the bids are generally in order.
- 18.2 Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected. If the Supplier does not accept the correction of the errors, its bid will be rejected, and its bid security may be forfeited. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words will prevail.
- 18.3 Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Procuring agency will determine the substantial responsiveness of each bid to the bidding documents. A substantially responsive bid is one which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the bidding documents without material deviations. Procuring agency's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself.
- 18.4 If a bid is not substantially responsive, it will be rejected by the Procuring agency and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the nonconformity.

### **19. Evaluation and Comparison of Bids**

- 19.1 The Procuring agency will evaluate and compare the bids which have been determined to be substantially responsive.

19.2 The Procuring agency's evaluation of a bid will be on delivery to consignee's end inclusive of all taxes, stamps, duties, levies, fees and installation and integration charges imposed till the delivery location.

**20. Contacting the Procuring agency**

20.1 No Bidder shall contact the Procuring agency on any matter relating to its bid, from the time of the bid opening to the time of announcement of Bid Evaluation Report. If the Bidder wishes to bring additional information to the notice of the Procuring agency, it should do so in writing.

20.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Procuring agency in its decisions on bid evaluation, bid comparison, or contract award may result in the rejection of the Bidder's bid.

**Award of Contract**

**21. Post-qualification**

21.1 In the absence of prequalification, the Procuring agency may determine to its satisfaction whether that selected Bidder having submitted the lowest evaluated responsive bid is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.

21.2 The determination will take into account the Bidder's financial and technical capabilities. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB Clause 7 as well as such other information as the Procuring agency deems necessary and appropriate.

21.3 An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for award of the contract to the Bidder. A negative determination will result in rejection of the Bidder's bid, in which event the Procuring agency will proceed to the next lowest evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

**22. Award Criteria**

The Procuring agency will award the contract to the successful Bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive and has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.

- 23. Procuring agency's Right to Accept any Bid and to Reject any or All Bids**
- 23.1 Subject to relevant provisions of SPP Rules 2010 (updated 2013), the Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award.
- 23.2. Pursuant to Rule 45 of SPP Rules 2010 (updated 2013), Procuring agency shall hoist the evaluation report on Authority's web site, and intimate to all the bidders seven days prior to notify the award of contract.
- 24. Notification of Award**
- 24.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Procuring agency shall notify the successful Bidder in writing, that its bid has been accepted.
- 24.2 Upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the performance security pursuant to ITB Clause 26, the Procuring agency will promptly notify each unsuccessful Bidder and will release their bid security.
- 25. Signing of Contract**
- 25.1 At the same time as the Procuring agency notifies the successful Bidder that its bid has been accepted, the Procuring agency will send the Bidder the Contract Form provided in the bidding documents, incorporating all agreements between the parties.
- 25.2 Within the period specified in BDS, of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the contract and return it to the Procuring agency.
- 26. Performance Security**
- 26.1 Within the period specified in BDS, of the receipt of notification of award from the Procuring agency, the successful Bidder shall furnish the performance security in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, in the Performance Security Form provided in the bidding documents, or in another form acceptable to the Procuring agency.
- 26.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirement of ITB Clause 25 shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the bid security, in which event the Procuring agency may make the award to the next lowest evaluated Bidder or call for new bids.
- 27. Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices**
- 27.1 The Government of Sindh requires that Procuring agency's (including beneficiaries of donor agencies' loans), as well as Bidders/Suppliers/Contractors under Government-financed contracts,

observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, the SPPRA, in accordance with the SPP Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder:

(a) **“Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices”** means either one or any combination of the practices given below;

(i) **“Coercive Practice”** means any impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence the actions of a party to achieve a wrongful gain or to cause a wrongful loss to another party;

(ii) **“Collusive Practice”** means any arrangement between two or more parties to the procurement process or contract execution, designed to achieve with or without the knowledge of the procuring agency to establish prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels for any wrongful gain;

(iii) **“Corrupt Practice”** means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the acts of another party for wrongful gain;

(iv) **“Fraudulent Practice”** means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation;

(b) **“Obstructive Practice”** means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract or deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements before investigators in order to materially impede an investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing the investigation, or acts intended to materially impede the exercise of inspection and audit rights provided for under the Rules.

## **28. Repair / Replacement**

In case a procured item has to be sent anywhere outside the premises of the ICCBS (within or outside Pakistan), all expenses (logistics, duties, taxes or any other) incurred in this regard will be borne by the bidder.

## Bid Data Sheet

The following specific data for chemicals and consumables to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Bidders (ITB). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in ITB.

<b>Introduction</b>	
<b>ITB 1</b>	<b>Name and address of Procuring Agency:</b>  Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of Karachi Karachi-75270.
<b>ITB 1</b>	<b>Name of Contract. "Purchase / Import of Digital PCR System"</b> <i>at the Center.</i>
<b>Bid Price and Currency</b>	
<b>ITB 4</b>	Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be as mentioned on tender advertisement.
<b>Preparation and Submission of Bids</b>	
<b>ITSB 19</b>	<i>Qualification requirements:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete Company profile</li> <li>2. Valid Registration with tax authorities is required</li> <li>3. Minimum Annual Turnover should at least be equal to the Bid amount quoted (per year) for last 03 years.</li> <li>4. 03 years relevant Experience.</li> <li>5. Authorization letter for sales and service from the manufacturer would be attached.</li> </ol>
<b>ITB 7</b>	<b>Amount of bid security.</b>  2 % of Bid
<b>ITB 8</b>	<b>Bid validity period.</b>  90 days
<b>ITB-9</b>	<b>Performance Guarantee</b> 5% of the P.O. Value Successful Bidders are required to deposited Performance Security in United Bank Limited Account No. <b>291497301</b> entitled " <b>International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences Tender Account</b> ". The original Deposit Slip / Online Deposit Receipt must be submitted to Purchase Office, ICCBS-Uok for the issuance of Purchase Order.
<b>ITB 10</b>	<b>Number of copies.</b> One original   One copy

<p><b>ITB 19.1</b></p> <p><b>ITB 19.2</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for bid submission.</b> As mentioned on tender advertisement</p> <p><b>Bid Opening Date:</b> As mentioned on tender advertisement</p> <p><b>Note:</b> In case of Holiday or any unavoidable circumstances on the day of bid submission / opening, the tender will be submitted / opened on the next working day at the same time.</p>
<p><b>ITB 20</b></p>	<p><b>Bid Evaluation:</b> Most advantageous bid.</p>
	<p><b>Under following conditions, Bid will be rejected:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conditional and Telegraphic tenders/bids;</li> <li>2. Bids not accompanied by bid security (Earnest Money);</li> <li>3. Bids received after specified date and time;</li> <li>4. Bidder submitting any false information;</li> <li>5. Black Listed Firms by Sindh Government or any Entity of it.</li> <li>6. The tender will liable to be rejected, if this Summery sheet utterly filled does not accompany the tender bid / quote.</li> </ol>

## SUMMARY SHEET (FOR)

(This summary sheet should be attached at the top of the bid documents)

**TENDER NOTICE NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

The tender summary sheet is mandatory to be filled by bidders, the tender will be rejected if this Summary sheet utterly filled does not accompany the tender bid/quote.

Serial No.	Item's Name	Make & Country of Origin	Model No. / CAT No.	Qty.	Package Size (if applicable)	Bid Value	GST	Bid Value (Including GST)	Other Charges (if applicable)	Warranty Period	Total Price in PKR
1.											
2.											
3.											

*Specifications of all the items are attached at the end of the BOQ.*

Bid Value in PKR			
GST applicable in PKR		Pay Order/ Demand Draft No:	
Service Sales Tax in PKR		Pay Order/ Demand Date	
Total Bid Value in PKR		Earnest Money	
Company Name:			
Mobile No:		National Tax No. (attach copy)	
Phone No:		SRB Registration No. (attach copy)	
Email Address:		Stamp / Seal:	
Signature & Date:		Address:	

- *All Terms & Conditions mentioned in this Tender / ICCBS Website override any conditions set by the bidder.*
- *The soft copy of this summary sheet is available on: URL Address: [goo.gl/eZJAex](http://goo.gl/eZJAex)*

**SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Description of service / goods</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Required Delivery Schedule in Days from the Date of Contract Award</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	<b>“Purchase / Import of Digital PCR System”</b>	As per tender document	<i><b>FOR is Five (5) weeks and C&amp;F is Twelve (12) weeks.</b></i>	P.C.M.D., I.C.C.B.S., Karachi

## Integrity Pact

### **DECLARATION OF FEES, COMMISSION AND BROKERAGE ETC. PAYABLE BY THE SUPPLIERS/CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS**

Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Supplier/Contractor/Consultant] hereby declares that it has not obtained or induced the procurement of any contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit from Government of Sindh (GoS) or any administrative subdivision or agency thereof or any other entity owned or controlled by it (GoS) through any corrupt business practice.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Supplier/Contractor/Consultant] represents and warrants that it has fully declared the brokerage, commission, fees etc. paid or payable to anyone and not given or agreed to give and shall not give or agree to give to anyone within or outside Pakistan either directly or indirectly through any natural or juridical person, including its affiliate, agent, associate, broker, consultant, director, promoter, shareholder, sponsor or subsidiary, any commission, gratification, bribe, finder's fee or kickback, whether described as consultation fee or otherwise, with the object of obtaining or inducing the procurement of a contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit, in whatsoever form, from Procuring Agency (PA), except that which has been expressly declared pursuant hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Supplier/Contractor/Consultant] certifies that it has made and will make full disclosure of all agreements and arrangements with all persons in respect of or related to the transaction with PA and has not taken any action or will not take any action to circumvent the above declaration, representation or warranty.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Supplier/Contractor/Consultant] accepts full responsibility and strict liability for making any false declaration, not making full disclosure, misrepresenting facts or taking any action likely to defeat the purpose of this declaration, representation and warranty. It agrees that any contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit obtained or procured as aforesaid shall, without prejudice to any other right and remedies available to PA under any law, contract or other instrument, be voidable at the option of PA.

Notwithstanding any rights and remedies exercised by PA in this regard, \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Supplier/Contractor/Consultant] agrees to indemnify PA for any loss or damage incurred by it on account of its corrupt business practices and further pay compensation to PA in an amount equivalent to ten times the sum of any commission, gratification, bribe, finder's fee or kickback given by \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Supplier/Contractor/Consultant] as aforesaid for the purpose of obtaining or inducing the procurement of any contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit, in whatsoever form, from PA.

[Procuring Agency]  
Sample Forms

[Supplier /Contractor/Consultant]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To:

Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine & Drug Research  
International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences  
University of Karachi,  
Karachi-75270.

Dear Sir:

Having examined the bidding documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to develop and deliver the required system in conformity with the said bidding documents for the sum of *[total bid amount in words and figures]* or such other sums as may be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule of Prices attached herewith and made part of this Bid.

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to develop the system in accordance with the delivery schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

If our Bid is accepted, we will obtain the guarantee of a bank in a sum equivalent to **Five (5) percent** of the Contract Price/Pay order for the due performance of the Contract, in the form prescribed by the Purchaser.

We agree to abide by this Bid for a period of 90 days from the date fixed for Bid opening under Clause 16 of the Instructions to Bidders, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, this Bid, together with your written acceptance thereof and your notification of award, shall constitute a binding Contract between us.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any bid you may receive.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[in the capacity of]*

Duly authorized to sign Bid for and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

To: *[name of Procuring agency]*

WHEREAS *[name of Supplier]* (hereinafter called “the Supplier”) has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. *[reference number of the contract]* dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 to deploy *[description of goods and services]* (hereinafter called “the Contract”).

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Supplier shall furnish you with a bank guarantee by a reputable bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with the Supplier’s performance obligations in accordance with the Contract.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Supplier a guarantee:

THEREFORE WE hereby affirm that we are Guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the Supplier, up to a total of *[amount of the guarantee in words and figures]*, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the Supplier to be in default under the Contract and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of *[amount of guarantee]* as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee is valid until the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

Signature and seal of the Guarantors

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[name of bank or financial institution]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[address]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[date]*