

GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN GILGIT-BALTISTAN SECRETARIAT

Information Technology Department

No. IT-2(1)/2021

Gilgit the 18th July, 2023

Subject:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE (GRC) ON ESTABLISHMENT OF TECH VILLAGES (PILOT PROJECT IN DISTRICT NAGAR)

A meeting of Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) regarding technical evaluation criteria outlined in Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of firm/company to transform Sports Complex Building at Harespo-Das, district Nager, into Software Technology Park was held on 18th July, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the office of Secretary Information Technology Gilgit-Baltistan under chairmanship of Secretary IT GB. Following attended the meeting:

Secretary Information Technology GB
 Rep. of Finance Department GB
 Rep. of P&DD GB
 Chairman
 Member
 Member

2. The chair welcomed the participants and the Secretary Information Technology GB briefed on agenda of the meeting. The Secretary Information Technology GB briefed the forum that IT Department GB intends to transform Sports Complex Building at Harespo-Das, district Nager, into Software Technology Park. The establishment of a Software Technology Park will foster the growth and development of the local technology sector. It will create an ecosystem that encourages innovation, research, and development in software technologies, leading to advancements in various IT domains. The Software Technology Park will attract technology companies, startups, and IT professionals, generating job opportunities for local residents. It will create a skilled workforce and promote employment in the IT sector, contributing to the economic well-being of the region.

3. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the below mentioned decisions have been taken:

S.No.	Name of the Aggrieved Applicant	Grievance of the Applicant	Decisions of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC)
1	Grievance Lodged by M/S Haji Umar Yar & Sons Co.	The applicant has submitted a grievance for redressal against the Request for Proposal on 17/7/2023 and claiming: i. The section pertaining to the technical evaluation criteria, the allocation of marks for the component titled "Relevant experience of the firm/bidder - establishing STPs." It appears that a significant weightage of 30 marks has been assigned to this component, which, upon closer examination, seems unjust and potentially biased toward a specific bidder ii. The establishment of an STP encompasses a wide range of	

components, including civil works, electrification. networks and communication. furniture and fixtures, solar solutions, CCTV systems, aluminum and glass work, and plant and machinery. Each of these components requires specialized expertise and experience. Therefore, it is crucial that the evaluation criteria adequately reflect and distribute the allocated marks in a fair and comprehensive manner, taking into account the various aspects/Components of establishing an STP.

iii. The representative of M/S
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has raised verbal observation
regarding allocation of 80
marks for technical and 20%
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that the ratio shall be 70/30
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in these areas to ensure a smooth and successful transformation of a redundant building into a Software Park. The prime Technology consideration of the department is high quality hence significant weightage has been assigned to this component. Moreover, the firms will be selected based on "Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)" method as per PPRA rules. The relative weightage assigned to quality and cost has already been specified in the bidding documents as quality given a weightage of 80% and cost a weightage of 20% because high quality is the prime consideration of the department secondary cost is while consideration.

Decision:

The Grievance Committee unanimously rejected the grievance of the firm and upheld the RFP technical evaluation criteria and directed the Technical Elevation Committee to process tender accordingly.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from and to the chair.

Section Officer (IT)

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- The Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) GB
 - 2. The Secretary Finance GB
 - 3. The Deputy Secretary IT GB
 - 4. The Deputy Director IT GB
 - 5. The CEO M/S Haji Umar Yar & Sons Co.

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- ii. PS to Secretary Information Technology Gilgit-Baltistan



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