

Dear FEACC Team,

I hope you are doing well.

Subject: Concern Regarding the Corrupted Tender Processes and Bidder Responsiveness of Oromia Roads and Logistics Bureau

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of serious concern regarding the tender processes conducted by the Oromia Roads and Logistics Bureau. It has been observed that, over the past three years, the bureau reports only one bidder as responsive during the technical evaluation stage of their tender proposals. Furthermore, during the financial opening stage, they proceed to open and evaluate a single bidder in all tenders.

Currently, there are more than 40 tenders, each with an average project cost of approximately 160,000,000.00 ETB. Regrettably, only one bidder is passing the financial evaluation stage for these tenders, which has led to an overestimation of project costs and a lack of genuine competition. This situation raises concerns about fairness, transparency, and the potential for inflated project costs.

Additionally, it appears that the bureau charges a collection fee of 12-15% of the total project cost, which further exacerbates the financial burden and raises questions about the integrity of the process. Despite numerous complaints and inquiries, the bureau has consistently failed to respond or address these concerns adequately. There is also a notable absence of a clear, transparent procedure governing the tender process.

We strongly urge the EACC to conduct a thorough review of all tender procedures and processes within the Oromia Roads and Logistics Bureau. A comprehensive investigation will likely reveal practices that undermine fair competition and proper governance, and may uncover practices that need urgent rectification.

Your prompt attention to this matter is highly appreciated, and we trust that appropriate measures will be taken to ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability in the tendering process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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