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DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES**

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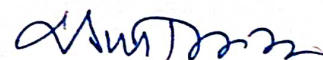
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NO. 80/CMC/SECURITY/DHS-2022: This is regarding a news article appearing in Kangleipaki Meira News on 05/11/2022 and other print and electronic media alleging that irregularities were committed by the Officers of Directorate of Health Services, in tender for Security services of Churachandpur Medical College.

In this regard the following is clarified as below:

1. Directorate of Health Services invited bids for providing Security Services at Academic Block, Hostel & Hospital Block of Churachandpur Medical College on 13/10/2022. And subsequently an addendum was issued on 21/10/2022. The Tender Notice was advertised in the leading newspapers Sangai Express and Huiyen Lanpao and also uploaded in the Directorate Website.
2. This Directorate received bids from 7 (seven) Firms. Representatives of all the firms were invited in the tender opening and technical evaluation scheduled on 26/10/2022 at 2:00 PM as per Notice of even number dated 24/10/2022.
3. The Opening & Technical Evaluation Committee headed by Director, Churachandpur Medical College and Additional Director (MC), Directorate of Health Services, Sr. Administrative Officer, Joint Director (MC), Joint Director/ SNO (CMC) opened and evaluated the technical bids in front of Representatives of 6 (six) firms who were present during the Tender opening **including representatives from M/S Smart Security Service.**
4. While opening the Tender, the committee found that in respect of **M/S Smart Security Service**, envelope containing Tender fee and EMD was not found. The representative of **M/S Smart Security Service** in front of all the bidders said they might have mistakenly put Tender Fee and EMD in the Envelope containing Financial Bid. Further in respect of **M/S Sona Security Agency**, the firm requested the committee for submission of No Legal Dispute Certificate in front of all the bidders and the Committee Members.
5. The Committee kept the matter in front of all the bidders, for consideration that, if all the documents of **M/S Smart Security Service** are submitted correctly, the firm may be made to qualify the Technical Evaluation subject to finding of the tender fee and EMD in the sealed Financial Bid Envelope on the day of opening the Financial Bid and also for **M/S Sona Security Agency** for considering if he may submit the required documents.
6. **However**, the other bidders present in the meeting objected to the proposal put forth by the Committee as it is against the rule of Tender.
7. It is further clarified that this Directorate followed all due procedures adopted while opening & evaluating the tender. And the tender is still in the Technical Stage and Financial Bids are yet to be opened. **The opening of Bids was done in front of representatives of all the bidders and no close door exercise was done at any point of time.**

The news article published the by M/s Smart Security Service have tarnished the image of the Department and it is considered that M/s Smart Security is unethically interfering in the open tender process and further, this Directorate will take all appropriate action as per the Tender norms.



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