

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
OFFICE OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR (ACE)
EASTERN BANGLADESH BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
SARAK BHABAN, RAMNA, DHAKA

Notice Memo No. EBBIP-54/10-1283

Dated: 08/12/2010

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an ODA Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "JICA", in the amount of Japanese Yen 7,824,000,000 toward the cost of **Eastern Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project** [Loan Agreement No. BD-P60 dated March 01, 2009], and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Prequalification is issued. Disbursement of the ODA Loan by JICA will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the 'Guidelines for Procurement under JICA ODA Loans'. No party other than the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to Loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. As for the remaining portion, the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will take appropriate measures for finance.
2. JICA requires that bidders and contractors, as well as the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, under contracts funded with JICA ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JICA;
 - (a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
 - (b) will recognize a contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by JICA, to be awarded a contract funded with JICA ODA Loans if it at any times determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, another contract funded with JICA ODA Loans or other Japanese ODA.
3. The Roads and Highways Department, under the Ministry of Communications, Government of Bangladesh, hereinafter referred to as "the Employer", intends to pre-qualify contractors for civil works under the Project. The Project involves construction, replacement, reconstruction or repair of bridges at sixty three (63) locations on 12 National and Regional Highways in the Eastern part of Bangladesh i.e. in Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla and Sylhet Zones of Roads and Highways Department (RHD). The civil works have been divided into the following four contracts:
 - (i) Contract No. EBBIP/Dhaka/CP-01; comprising of construction, replacement or reconstruction of bridges at seventeen (17) locations in Dhaka Zone; replacement of existing bridges at fourteen (14) locations, construction of an additional bridge at one (01) location with the repair of existing bridge and reconstruction & repair of distressed components of existing bridges at two (02) locations;
 - (ii) Contract No. EBBIP/Chittagong/CP-02, comprising of construction or replacement of bridges at twenty (20) locations in Chittagong Zone; replacement of existing bridges at eighteen (18) locations, construction of a new bridge at one (01) location and construction of an additional bridge at one (01) location ;
 - (iii) Contract No. EBBIP/Comilla/CP-03, comprising of construction, replacement or repair of bridges at eight (08) locations in Comilla Zone; replacement of existing bridges at six (06) locations, construction of a new bridge at one (01) re-aligned location and construction of an additional bridge at one (01) location with the repair of existing bridge; and
 - (iv) Contract No. EBBIP/Sylhet/CP-04, comprising of replacement of bridges at eighteen (18) locations in Sylhet Zone. At one location the work involves only demolition of the existing bridge, where the river channel has become redundant, and construction of road embankment at the said location.

A Project description, contract wise locations of these bridges, approach to project locations, nature and complexity of these works, major construction material quantities, availability of construction materials etc is given in the Prequalification Documents.
4. It is expected that Invitations to Bids will be made in **April 2011**.

5. Prequalification is open to firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures from eligible source countries, in accordance with the Guidelines for Procurement under JICA ODA Loans. Applications may be made for prequalification for one or more of the above contracts.
6. Eligible applicants may obtain the prequalification documents after **19 December 2010** by calling, writing, faxing, or telexing or by electronic mail to:

The Project Director

Eastern Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project (EBBIP)

Roads and Highways Department

Room No. 310, Block-C, Sarak Bhaban

Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tel. No. : +88 02 7110629 Fax No.: +88 02 7168628

Email : pdebbip@rhd.gov.bd

7. The request must clearly state “Request for Prequalification Documents for **Eastern Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project - (i) Contract No. EBBIP/Dhaka/CP-01; (ii) Contract No. EBBIP/Chittagong/CP-02; (iii) Contract No. EBBIP/Comilla/CP-03; and (iv) Contract No. EBBIP/Sylhet/CP-04.** The documents are available for a nonrefundable fee of Bangladeshi Taka 5,000 (Bangladeshi Taka Five Thousand Only) or US\$ 100 (US Dollar One Hundred Only) in cash or by bank draft in favour of the Project Manager (E.E.), RHD, Dhaka, Contract No. 1, EBBIP, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka, drawn on a bank having a branch in Dhaka.

If the documents are desired by post an additional sum of Taka 200 for dispatch of documents within Bangladesh or US\$ 100 for dispatch of documents outside Bangladesh should be sent. The Employer will promptly dispatch the documents by registered airmail, but under no circumstances will it be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.

8. A minimum requirement for qualification is to have successfully carried out at least two (02) bridge projects or road projects involving bridges also of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed contracts (i.e. construction/ replacement/ reconstruction of bridges) within the last ten (10) years, or be currently engaged in such activities (for compliance, more than 80% of the relevant contract must have been successfully completed at the time of Application). The minimum contract value of each of such projects shall be US\$ 7.0 million or more for Contract No. EBBIP/Dhaka/CP-01, US\$ 10.0 million or more for Contract Nos. EBBIP/Chittagong/CP-02 and EBBIP/Sylhet/CP-04, and US\$ 5.0 million or more for Contract No. EBBIP/Comilla/CP-03. The other requirements as regards to annual turnover, specific experience, personnel, equipment and financial are stipulated in the Prequalification Documents.
9. Submissions of Applications for Prequalification must be received in sealed envelopes, either delivered by hand or by registered mail to:

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Not later than: office hours (05.00 PM) on **31 January 2011.**

and be clearly marked “**Application to Pre-qualify for Eastern Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project - (i) Contract No. EBBIP/Dhaka/CP-01; (ii) Contract No. EBBIP/Chittagong/CP-02; (iii) Contract No. EBBIP/Comilla/CP-03; and (iv) Contract No. EBBIP/Sylhet/CP-04.**”

10. The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.
11. Applicants will be advised, in due course, of the results of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures pre-qualified under this procedure will be invited to bid.

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Eastern Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project

Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.