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4-Laning of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway Project
Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka

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INTERNATIONAL NOTICE FOR INVESTORS' QUALIFICATION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION OF INVESTORS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
2ND DHAKA-CHITTAGONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY (EXPRESSWAY) IN BANGLADESH
ON
PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIP (PPP) BASIS

Under the authority of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB), the Roads and Highways Department of Ministry of Communications intends to select potential international investor(s) for the Design, Engineering, Construction, Development, Finance, Operation and Maintenance of "2ND DHAKA-CHITTAGONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY (EXPRESSWAY)". The project will be implemented on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) basis. Total cost of the project will be approximately US\$ 3.00 billion as per Option-1 the Feasibility Study of which has already been completed and information & documents relating to conceptual design will be available from the office of the Project Director on payment basis. The Applicant(s) willing to be Qualified for Option-2 shall be required to submit proposal on the Design, Engineering, Construction, Development, Finance, Operation and Maintenance of the project following Option-2 after conducting necessary investigations and study.

- Option 1: The alignment follows the existing Dhaka-Chittagong Highway from Jatrabari(Dhaka)-Daudkandi(Hasanpur) then moves towards Kachua (by-passing Gouripur)-Laksham-Nangalkot, by-passing Feni, meeting at Rampur then along the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway upto Chittagong Alankar More. Total length of Option-1 is 215 km. This alignment from Daudkandi(Hasanpur) to Rampur is a new alignment and reduces the total distance by about 15 km. Besides construction of at-grade level road from Dhaka to Chittagong this option also includes construction of flyover 1.7 km, mega bridges 4.2 km major bridge 1.5 km minor bridge 1.3 km, culvert & small bridges = 1.4 km, railway over bridge 300 meter etc.
- Option 2: Elevated Expressway of approximately 230 km for the entire length of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway following its existing alignment including construction of necessary by-passes and demolition of any infrastructures (if needed) to minimize the use of land.

Background of the Project:

Dhaka-Chittagong National Highway is considered to be the most important highway and lifeline of commerce in Bangladesh and carries port and other traffic to Dhaka and other places in the country. The existing Dhaka-Chittagong Highway (N1) is 4-lane from Dhaka to Daudkandi except for Kanchpur, Meghna and Daudkandi Bridges, which are 2-laned. From Daudkandi onwards it is mostly 2-lane road on a plain terrain and will also be widened into 4 lane by the year 2013 under a separate project named 4 Laning of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway Project. Total AADT for motorised traffic is in the range of 31,276 to 42,890 PCU whereas total quantity of AADT including motorised and non-motorised traffic varies in the range of 35,615 and 44,785 PCU out of which 60% of commercial traffic and 27% of passenger vehicles are through traffic. So the Government has decided to construct an independent alignment of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, a 4-lane divided carriageway with the provision of future 6-lane expansion capable of carrying containers and other traffic from the port city of Chittagong to the distribution center at the capital city of Dhaka with access control. It is envisaged that the implementation of such project will reduce journey time from Dhaka to Chittagong by approximately three (3) hours, reduce congestion, accidents, enhance safety and improve air quality of the surroundings.

Presently the Roads and Highways Department, as executing authority of the Project, is actively involved in the process of engaging private sector for the construction of 2nd Dhaka-Chittagong National Highway (Expressway) in Bangladesh on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) basis granting concession term of 30 years which shall commence on the first day of the commercial operation termed as Commercial Operations Date (COD) and prior to the commencement of the concession term, the investor shall also avail maximum of 5 years as construction period.

Objective and Scope:

An adequate and efficient transport system is a pre-requisite to further economic development, for expansion and integration of markets and growth of international trade in Bangladesh. This highway, however, is overloaded at the moment by reason of which the Government is willing to develop a 2nd corridor which is envisaged to provide substantial economic and social benefits to south-eastern region in particular through generation of employment, creation of improved facilities for trade and commerce, promotion of social integration and development of tourism and would thus assist economic development and reduction of poverty in the country.

Interested applicants may form consortium with other international firms engaged/experienced in financing, design and construction of road and bridges to enhance their qualification by forming a Joint Venture (JV).

Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the work. Request for Qualification (RFQ) documents should specifically include:

- Background & Registration of the Firm(s)
- Historical Financial Performance of the Firm(s) including Audited Financial Reports of the Firm(s) for the last three (3) years.
- List or summary of Professional Employees with Resume indicating major professional experience and qualification.
- General experiences as an investor in the relevant field.
- Specific Experience:-
 - Option-1: Experience in Design, Engineering, Construction, Development, Finance, Operation and Maintenance of at least 40 km access controlled highway/expressway in a single BOT/PPP project of value not less than US \$ 250 million during the last 12 years.
 - Option-2: Experience in Design, Engineering, Construction, Development, Finance, Operation and Maintenance of at least 20 km Elevated Expressway in a single BOT/PPP project of value not less than US \$ 400 million during the last 12 years.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information and documents for Request for Qualification from the Office of the Project Director, 4-Laning of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway Project or from Roads and Highways Department's website www.rhd.gov.bd

Application for RFQ should be submitted in 1 original and 2 copies, and should be delivered to the address below not later than 1100 Hrs (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 18 January 2011.

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Note: *Applicant(s) shall bear all expenses or costs incurred in preparation and submission of Application for RFQ to RHD including any further investigation or study required in connection with preparation of their proposal as per Option-1 and Option-2. RHD shall not in any way be responsible for the costs incurred by the Applicant(s).*