

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
Bridges Division
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Setu Bhaban,
New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka

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**INTERNATIONAL NOTICE FOR INVESTORS PREQUALIFICATION
FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF "DHAKA - ASHULIA ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY"
ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) BASIS**

Under the authority of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB), the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), Bridges Division, Ministry of Communications intends to select potential International Investor(s) for Financing and Construction of "Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway PPP Project" in Northern Part of Dhaka. The Project will be implemented on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis. Total cost of the project will be approximately US\$ 2.0 billion.

Background of the Project:

Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh is the most densely populated city, with 14 million people (6250 person/sq.km) out of national total population of 140 million. Dhaka is the administrative, commercial and cultural centre of the country. The population of the city is increasing rapidly and expected to be double in size over the next 20 years. The transport sector in Dhaka City is composed of many different modes - both motorized and non-motorized. These various modes of transports often use the same road space resulting in a high level of operational disorder. Dhaka has yet to develop an integrated Mass Transit System.

The Honorable Prime Minister in Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) meeting on 24th February 2011 has instructed to take up the construction of Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway PPP Project and finally approved the summary for the same on 3rd March 2011. Accordingly to minimize the traffic congestion in and around Dhaka-Ashulia area, Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) is undertaking the steps to construct approximately 34.00 km of Elevated Expressway in northern part of Dhaka City on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The probable route of the Expressway will be Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport-Abdullahpur -Ashulia- EPZ- Chandra (connecting National Monument at Savar).

Objective and Scope:

Existing roads of Dhaka city occupy only 8% of land area as against an ideal proportion of 25%. The Dhaka -Ashulia Elevated Expressway PPP Project will improve road connectivity of the northern part of Dhaka linking important commercial, industrial and business centers of the Dhaka city. In addition to accommodate a much needed increase in traffic capacity, the Expressway will be designed to relieve existing overloaded roads. Access and distribution to the Expressway will be designed to avoid adding congestion to existing facilities. Transit and high-occupancy use of the Expressway will be encouraged.

The Project Investor(s) will be selected through an International Competitive Bidding process from a pool of Applicants who meet the criteria set forth in the Pre-qualification document. The selected Project Investor will be provided Request for Proposal (RFP) from BBA for Technical & Financial Bidding competition of the project.

BBA seeks to pre-qualify interested Investor(s) and prepare a short list of pre-qualified firms with the intention to invite eligible International Firms to indicate their interests for participation in the work. The Applicant(s) should have essential experience and requisite qualifications in the financing and construction of elevated expressways including elevated roads, elevated railways, bridges, flyovers, viaducts and interchanges on a BOOT /BOT/PPP basis with combined value of not less than US\$500 Million over the last 12 years.

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The Investor is to take responsibility in design and execution for:

- a) Encouragement of public transport and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) use of the Expressway by offering preferential usage rates for such vehicles and preferably segregated exclusive bus/HOV lanes on the expressway;
- b) Mitigation of traffic impacts from the project so that internal congestion is relieved and not worsened by new traffic generation and
- c) Environmentally and socially sensitive design, with mitigation works to secure against environmental/social degradation and design for general environmental /social enhancement.

Interested Applicants may form consortium with other International Firms engaged in the financing, design and construction of roads 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.

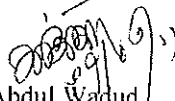
Prequalification documents should specifically include:

- Background & Registration of the Firm(s)
- Historical Financial Performance of the Firm(s) including Audited Financial Reports of the Firm(s) for the last five (5) years.
- List or summary of Professional Employees with Resume indicating major professional experience and qualification.
- Experiences in the following:
 - General construction experiences in the relevant field.
 - Experience in construction works of at least 3 Km of Elevated Expressway and project scope.
 - Experience in construction of elevated expressways including elevated roads, elevated railways, bridges, flyovers, viaducts and interchanges in major cities with specific achievements (preferably demonstrated reduction in congestion), in traffic control and diversion and utilities relocation during the execution of construction work with a combined value of more than US\$500 Million completed within the last 12 years.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information and documents for pre-qualification application from BBA Web Site: www.bba.gov.bd. Application for Pre-qualification should be submitted in one original and two copies, and should be delivered to the address below not later than 12.00 hrs on 10th May 2011.

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Applicant(s) shall bear the cost incurred in preparation and submission of Application for Pre-qualification to BBA. BBA shall not in any way be responsible for the costs incurred by the Applicant(s).


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Copy for information:

1. Director (All), BBA, Dhaka.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Communications, Dhaka
3. PS to Executive Director, BBA, Dhaka.
4. Public Relation Officer, BBA, Dhaka.
5. Notice Board, BBA, Dhaka.