

Apec leaders asked to consider forging free trade area

AFP, Washington

Leaders of 21 Asia-Pacific economies are being pressed to consider forging a regional free trade area to spur global liberalisation.

The proposal to set up the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific was made by the business lobby of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, whose leaders gather for

annual talks in Santiago, Chile, November 20-21.

The Apec Business Advisory Council said in a report to the leaders that they needed to display "strong political commitment" to successfully negotiate a regionwide free trade agreement, which could bring significant benefits to the region as a whole.

The 21 Apec economies, includ-

ing the United States, Japan, Russia, China and most Southeast Asian economies, account for nearly half of world trade and generate 70 percent of global economic growth.

Apec, which operates by consensus, is implementing a non-binding tariff-busting plan to achieve free trade and investment among developed member economies by 2010

and developing members 10 years later.

Critics say the plan, adopted during a leaders' meeting in Bogor, Indonesia in 1994, is ineffective and needs to be overhauled.

ABAC believes its free trade agreement proposal would accelerate the Bogor goals and liberalisation under the World Trade Organisation, the global trade watchdog.

The United States reacted cautiously to ABAC's proposal.

"Well, you have to go to Santiago to find out," Deputy US Trade Representative Peter Allgeier said.

But American economist Fred Bergsten, among the "eminent persons" who helped establish Apec, hailed the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific plan, saying it would revitalise the WTO process and integrate the region.

"The only decisive way to restart the momentum of both Apec and global trade liberalisation, with all its political and security as well as economic benefits, is to launch the FTAAP process at Santiago," he said.

Oil prices fall on signs of rising supply

REUTERS, London

World oil prices eased on Thursday as signs of strong supply on physical crude markets encouraged dealers to take profits from a bounce in the previous session.

US light crude slipped under \$49 a barrel to trade 56 cents a barrel lower at \$48.30, more than \$7 lower than the record \$55.67 peak struck in late October.

Brent crude in London lost 45 cents to \$44.30 a barrel, unwinding gains of over a dollar on Wednesday triggered by a fresh fall in US heating fuel stocks ahead of winter.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported a 1.8 million barrel rise in US crude inventories on Wednesday, almost closing the deficit against a year earlier. This is the seventh week in a row that crude stocks have risen.

"Buyers are voting with their feet. Futures prices were too high and stocks seem to be ample," said William Buchanan at Standard Bank in London.

"The insatiable desire for sweet crude seems to have fizzled out. There is a prompt glut coming up to the end of the year and people are less and less willing to pay up for expensive crude," Buchanan added.



Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury and China National Chamber of Commerce President Wang Zhi Guo pose for photographs on Tuesday in Dhaka at the inauguration of a Tk 40 crore Chinese wholesale market project in Bangladesh. The market styled Bangladesh China Commercial Town will be set up at Kanchpur in Narayanganj and will go into operations in April next year.



Mahboob Hossain, general manager and head of Distribution of GrameenPhone (GP) Ltd, and Zohair Shafiq, managing director of Communic Park Ltd, sign an agreement on behalf of their organisations recently in Dhaka. Under the deal, Communic Park, a sister concern of DEC Group, has become a GP dealer.

Dhaka International Trade Fair-2005
Export Promotion Bureau
Dhaka

Time extension for sale and submission of applications form for participation in the Dhaka International Trade Fair-2005.

This is for the information of all concerned that the time for selling of applications form for allotment of space of all categories in DITF-2005 has been extended from earlier declared 21st November 2004 to 4th December 2004.

- Application forms from Local and Foreign Participants will be received up to 5th December 2004 during office hours in the Finance and Accounts Section of Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka instead of 21st November, 2004.
- Offer for Premier Pavilion, Premier Mini-Pavilion, Premier Stall, Restaurant and Drinks Kiosk shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka/Fair Cell DITF-2005, Ministry Commerce (Bld. No. 3, Room No. 127) Bangladesh secretariat, Dhaka/ Office of the Additional Divisional Commissioner (General) (First 12-Storey Building, 2nd Floor, Room No. 303), Segunbagicha, Dhaka on 6th December, 2004 up to 2.00 pm instead of 21st November, 2004.
- All the terms and conditions will remain the same.

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Dhaka International Trade Fair-2005 Secretariat
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"বিদ্যুতের অপচয় রোধ করুন"
Rural Electrification Board
Invitation for Bids

1. Project Name (if applicable)	Intensification & Expansion of Distribution Line of 9 PBS, Intensification & Expansion of Distribution Line of 67PBS						
2. Source of Funds	GOB Local. Payment will be made directly to the suppliers in local Taka Currency.						
3. Bid Package No.	45.67PBS.85-12, 45.9PBS.68-14, 45.67PBS.85-15						
4. Invitation for Bids Ref. & Date	REB/DP/GAF-228-12, 14,15(Electrical Goods)/2004/168, Dated- 08/11/2004.						
5. Bid Name	Electrification & Distribution Commodities (Sub-Station Accessories, Conductor-Duplex & Cross Arm-Wood)						
6. Eligibility of Bidders	Bangladeshi Manufacturer.						
7. Regarding Bid Document	A complete set of bidding document in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee Tk. 3000.00 (Taka Three Thousand) in the form Pay Order/Bank draft in favour of Rural Electrification Board. No Document will be sent by courier or mail. One Bid document cannot be used for submission of bid proposal(s) by more than one bidder. One Bidder, however, may submit bids against any number of IFB's included in the bid package by purchasing only one copy of the Bid document.						
8. Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Bid Document	As mentioned below						
9. Name and address of the Office(s) Receiving Bids	As mentioned below						
10. Name and address of the Office Opening Bids	As mentioned below						
11. Last Date and Time for Selling Bid Document	14/12/2004 up to 4:00 PM						
12. Last Date and Time for Submission of Bids	15/12/04 up to 12:00 Noon Bangladesh as Betar time.						
13. Date and Time for Opening of Bids	15/12/04 at 12:30 P.M. At that time Bidders and their authorised representatives are allowed to attend.						
14. Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid Meeting (optional)	Not Applicable						
15. Brief Description of Goods/Related Services							
Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Description	Location (Bid Package)	Price of Bid Document in Tk	Tender Security Amount in Tk	Time of Completion of Delivery in weeks	Remarks
A	45.67PBS.85-06 & 45.67PBS.85-06S	Conductor-Duplex & Cross Arm-Wood	45.67PBS.85-12	3000.00	500,000.00 & 300,000.00	13 weeks	Delivery periods shall be 13 weeks which shall begin with effect from the 20 th day of award notification or from the date of signing of contract whichever is earlier.
B	45.9PBS.68-03S.1	Sub-Station Accessories	45.9PBS.68-14	3000.00	300,000.00	13 week	
C	45.67PBS.85-05A.1	Sub-Station Accessories	45.67PBS.85-15	3000.00	300,000.00	13 week	
16	Special Instructions: The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Bids prior to acceptance						

Director (Procurement)
Rural Electrification Board
Head Office Building (7th floor), Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
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পরিচালক (প্রকৃতি)
পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BOARD
পরি/জন-(১৯) ২০০৪-২০০৫
DPP-27222-9/11/04 G-1100

BCIC New Enlistment Notice
বিসিআইসি'র নতুন শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অংশগ্রহণের প্রতীক

Chief Engineer (Const), Construction Division, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (19th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, invites application in the prescribed form from the interested construction firms for new enlistment in different factories/projects including BCIC Construction Division of BCIC H O in different categories in accordance with PPR-03 under restricted tendering method for participating in the tender of civil works valued up to Tk 10.0 (ten) lac for the financial year 2004-2005. Application form will be available from (i) the Accounts Division, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka, (ii) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (iii) the Accounts Division, of concerned Factories on payment of Tk 200 (two hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) during office hours up to 14th December 2004. The application for new enlistment with attested copies of all documents/evidences/certificates etc will be directly received at the Construction Division, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (19th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and at the Construction Division of concerned Factories up to end of 15th December 2004. No application for either will be sold or received after the expiry of the above date as the applications of enlistment will be examined, evaluated and recommendation will be given for enlistment by a committee constituted as per PPR-03 once in a year.

The authority reserves all rights to accept any and/or reject all applications regarding enlistment without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BCIC-339-2/11/04
DFP-26784-5/11/04
G-1085

Chow. Md. Anowar Iqbal
Chief Engineer (Const)
Construction Division, BCIC, Dhaka

Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Nalka-Bogra Gas Transmission Pipeline Project
House No-39, Road No-3, Sector-3
Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

Notice
IFB No: GTCL/N-B/PLC/01 (R) Date: 10.11.2004

Re-Tender for Construction of High Pressure Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline from Nalka (Sirajganj) to Chandaikona (MLV-1) under Nalka Bogra Gas Transmission Pipeline Project (Group-A).

Further to our notice dated 03.11.2004 (Published in the National Dailies on 05.11.2004) on the above noted subject, it is hereby notified for all intending bidders that the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by its order on 08.11.2004 has vacated the stay order dated 25.10.2004 granted in Writ Petition No. 5819 of 2004. Now, therefore, Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) does hereby extend the bid receiving time upto 11:30 hrs of 21.11.2004 and the bids received will be opened on the same day at 12:00 hrs. The bidders are requested to submit their bid proposals within the above mentioned time & date at the same venue.

Project Manager
Nalka-Bogra Gas Transmission Pipeline Project

GTGP-18/04-5
GD-707

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/indenter (enlisted firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Force.

Sl No.	Name of items & qty	From	Date of selling	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No.	Cost of IT
a.	Intercom System Qty-05 Sets	21-11-2004 to 15-12-2004	21-11-2004	19-12-2004	Local	9233/AP-4	Tk 150.00
b.	Digital & Analogue Multimeter Qty-(19+11)=30 Ea	21-11-2004 to 15-12-2004	21-11-2004	19-12-2004	Local	9234/AP-4	Tk 100.00
c.	Guy Tension Measuring Meter Qty-01 Ea	21-11-2004 to 15-12-2004	21-11-2004	19-12-2004	Local	9235/AP-4	Tk 50.00
d.	Earth Tester Qty-02 Ea	21-11-2004 to 15-12-2004	21-11-2004	19-12-2004	Local	9236/AP-4	Tk 200.00
e.	Hookon Meter Qty-01 Ea	21-11-2004 to 15-12-2004	21-11-2004	19-12-2004	Local	9237/AP-4	Tk 50.00
f.	Electronic Vigilance System of BAF Qty-01 Set	21-11-2004 to 15-12-2004	21-11-2004	19-12-2004	Local	9205/AP-4	Tk 100.00

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment in respective value (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1200 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

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DFP-26907-8/11/04
G-1108

Squadron Leader
for Director General

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Dhaka
Tender Notice

No-P&D/LP-1(16 & 18)/2004-2005/DR-416(2) Dated: 10-11-04

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide suppliers for supply of DVD Writer, External CD-Writer, Hard Disk, Hand Held Battery Operated 5-Gas Emission Analyzer, Multimedia Projector, Desktop Photocopier Machine, Digital Multimeter, Dial Extensometer and UPS for the following Department of this University.

Sl No.	Tender No.	Department/Office	Schedule price (non-refundable)	Earnest money
1.	LP-1(16)/04-05	PMRE Department	Tk. 200/-	Tk. 400/-
2.	LP-1(18)/04-05	ME Department	Tk. 500/-	Tk. 15,800/-

Intending participants shall have to obtain permission for purchasing tender paper etc on application to the undersigned. Application must accompany TIN certificate, trade licence and certificate of experience about concern works/supplies etc from reputed organisations. Tender paper and other terms & conditions will be available from the office of the undersigned on payment of above-mentioned schedule price to the Sonali Bank, BUET Branch, Dhaka. Each tender must accompany a bank draft or pay order from nationalised/scheduled bank of Bangladesh amounting to above-mentioned earnest money deposited in favour of the "Comptroller, BUET" without which no tender will be considered. Tenders must be put into the tender boxes kept for this purpose in this office or offices of the Heads of the Department of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering (Civil Engineering Building of EME Building respectively) up to 12:00 Noon of 14-12-2004 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30pm before the participants present.

The University authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders or one or more items of any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

No tender paper will be sold on the opening day of the tender.

Deputy Director
Planning & Development

GD-703.

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender/Re-Tender Notice

2. Sealed re-tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/ dealers/suppliers/ indentors (enlisted firms of this Directorate General) for supply of following item:

Ser no	Nomenclature	Date of selling	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No	
a.	1. Desicant (Silicagel) 30 gm bag, Qty-10,000 bag. 2. Desicant (Silicagel) 55 gm bag, Qty-15,000 bag. 3. Desicant (Silicagel) 155 gm bag, Qty-5,000 bag.	24-11-04	21-12-04	22-12-04	Local	214/2481/H-1(B)/DGDP/P-5(B)
b.	1. Acid Sulphuric Pure Qty-10,000.000 litre. 2. Methylated Spirit Industrial gde-1, Qty-1,000.000 litre.	24-11-04	21-12-04	22-12-04	Local	214/2482/H-1(B)/DGDP/P-5(B)
c.	1. Turpentine Lead Free Qty-300.000 litre.	24-11-04	21-12-04	22-12-04	Local	214/2485/H-1(B)/DGDP/P-5(B)
d.	1. Linseed Oil "Raw" Qty-3,000.000 litre.	24-11-04	15-12-04	18-12-04	Local	214/2477/H-1(A)/DGDP/P-5(B)
e.	Jerrican Plastic 18.20 litre (4 Gal) Olive Green Qty-1200 Nos	24-11-04	15-12-04	18-12-04	Local	214/2722/D-1/DGDP/Ord/P-5(A)
f.	1. Chalk French Qty-1,500.000 kg. 2. Soda Caustic Commercial Qty-15,000.000 kg.	01-12-04	28-12-04	29-12-04	Local	214/2483/H-1(B)/DGDP/P-5(B)
g.	1. Lithium Base Medium Grease (NLGI-2) Qty-1,400.000 kg. 2. Lithium Base Grease-EP (NLGI-2), Qty-300.000 kg.	01-12-04	28-12-04	29-12-04	Local	214/2484/H-1(C)/DGDP/Ord/P-5(B)
h.	1. Net Mosquito Nylon/ Polyester Round Mesh Khaki (200 CM X 92 CM X 132 CM), Qty-20,000 Nos	01-12-04	28-12-04	29-12-04	Local	214/2730/K C/DGDP/Ord/P-5(A)

3. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (non-refundable) during office hour between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of all tenderers (if present).

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Major
For Director General