

Smooth water supply to ensure food security

Seminar told

STAR BUSINESS REPORT
Food security cannot be achieved until smooth supply of water is ensured, said the speakers at a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

80 percent of sweet water of the South Asian region is used in agriculture, so it is not possible to ensure food security of the region without ensuring water security, said Khandker Azhurul Haque, former managing director of Dhaka Wasa.

The economy of the country will not run unless water

security is ensured beforehand, said Quazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad, president of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA). The association organised the seminar styled 'Mutual Cooperation in Managing Common Rivers Can Change Fates of the South Asian Citizens'.

"Even for harmony among the citizens of the region water is required," he said, while presiding over the seminar, referring to efficient management and distribution of water of common rivers of Bangladesh and India.

Noting the absence of goodwill as the main barrier behind coming to an agreement on water sharing of joint rivers in the region, Tauhidul Anwar Khan, a water scientist and former member of the Bangladesh-India Joint River Commission, urged the politicians and bureaucrats of the region to reduce mistrust.

"The destiny of the people of the region will not improve unless water is distributed efficiently," he said in his keynote presentation.

Nazrul Islam, teaches geography and environ-

ment at Jahangir Nagar University, said India should avoid big brotherly attitude in case of water sharing in the region.

Proposing a suggestion he said "We can provide transit facility to India in exchange for proper water sharing agreement and will stop the transit if they don't provide with due share of water".

ATM Mostafa Kamal, member of Bangladesh Land Port Authority, HM Mozadded Faruq, water expert, among others, also spoke at the function.

Nokia Siemens Networks wins deal with China Mobile

AFP, Helsinki

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NSN will design, build, maintain and optimise the radio and core network for China Mobile, including base station, mobile softswitching and operating support systems in provinces and cities across China.

"This agreement represents the strengthening of our position as a leading solution provider to China Mobile," Zhang Zhiqiang, the head of Nokia Siemens Networks Greater China Region, said in a statement.

Established in 2000, China Mobile has a registered capital of 51.8 billion RMB Yuan (4.8 billion euros, 7.6 billion dollars) and is Asia's largest telecom carrier.



Industrial and Infrastructure Development Finance Company Limited (IIDFC) signed a 5-year term loan agreement with EXIM Bank Ltd recently. Proshanta K Halder, deputy managing director of IIDFC, and Md Kazi Masihur Rahman, managing director of EXIM Bank Ltd, signed the agreement on behalf of their institutions. Md. Sirajul Islam Bhuiyan, Mohammed Haider Ali Miah, deputy managing directors of EXIM Bank, and other senior officials from both the institutions were also present in the ceremony.

Govt to award ConocoPhillips eight offshore gas blocks

AFP, Dhaka

The Bangladesh government is expected to award US company ConocoPhillips eight offshore blocks to explore for oil and gas in the hydrocarbon rich Bay of Bengal, an official said Saturday.

State-run oil and gas giant Petrobangla made the selection after evaluating bids from seven companies including Chinese giant CNOOC, Australia's Santos and the Korean National Oil Corporation.

Irish company Tullow has been selected for another offshore block.

"The Petrobangla has evaluated offers from all seven companies. ConocoPhillips have qualified for eight offshore blocks and Tullow for one block," Petrobangla chairman Jalal Ahmed told AFP.

"We will submit the evaluation report to the energy and mineral resources ministry tomorrow (Sunday). We hope they will make the final selection within October," he said.

The selection by Petrobangla has all but assured the two companies the rights to hunt for oil and gas in the hydrocarbon rich Bay of Bengal unless there is any major dispute or objection

by the government. Bangladesh's army-backed emergency government invited bids for offshore exploration in February this year after dividing its sea territory in the Bay of Bengal into 28 blocks.

Experts have forecast major reserves of gas in the Bangladesh part of the Bay of Bengal, after huge discoveries were made in the Myanmar and Indian areas of the bay.

Bangladesh needs to urgently locate new sources of energy as the government forecasts the nation's current gas reserves will run out by 2014-15 at present consumption rates.

The country's economy has been growing at an average of six percent since the 2003-4 fiscal year, the highest rate of growth since its independence in 1971.

Booming industry has resulted in a daily shortage of 150 million cubic feet of gas, forcing Petrobangla to suspend gas supplies to new industries in the port city of Chittagong.

The government has said the country needs at least 7.7 billion dollars worth of investment in gas exploration and development to sustain projected annual economic growth of seven percent until 2025.

Green Delta chairman reelected



Kabir H Choudhury has been reelected chairman of Green Delta Insurance Company.

The board of directors of Green Delta unanimously reelected him chairman at the 254th board meeting.

At the meeting, Farzana Chowdhury and A Farjad Ahmed were also elected vice-chairmen of the company, says a press release.

The chairman and the newly elected two vice-chairmen are sponsor directors of Green Delta.

Wall Street hit by renewed bank, mortgage jitters

AFP, New York

Wall Street sustained a fresh bruising in the past week as renewed concerns over the financial health of major banks and two large mortgage-financing firms shook investor confidence.

The main market indexes have entered "bear market" territory with a drop of more than 20 percent from their peaks amid a lingering housing market slump, a credit crunch and rocketing world oil prices.

Fears about the financial stability of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two companies which help prop up the vast US mortgage market, sparked a heavy selloff of the companies' shares and dented wider market sentiment.

The leading Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 1.7 percent to 11,100.54 in the week to Friday.

The tech-rich Nasdaq lost a much slighter 0.3 percent for the week to 2,239.08 while the broad-market Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 1.9 percent to 1,239.49.

"This time, credit concerns came in the heavyweight variety, as investors were spooked by talk that mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may need a bailout by Washington," Douglas Porter, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said in a briefing note.

Canada sheds 5,000 jobs, unemployment rises to 6.2pc

AFP, Ottawa

Canada's unemployment rate edged up to 6.2 percent in June as the slowing economy shed 5,000 jobs, Statistics Canada said Friday.

The report marked the first time since December that overall employment declined in Canada.

Analysts had expected the jobless rate to hold steady in the month at 6.1 percent with 10,000 jobs added.

The report showed a loss of 39,200 full-time jobs offset in part by 34,200 new part-time positions.

The agency noted that the unemployment rate remains near the lowest in 30 years and that over the past 12 months, employment in has grown by 1.7 percent or 290,000.

Industries with declines in June included construction, business, building and other support services, health care and social assistance. Manufacturing employment was unchanged in June, but was down 33,000 from a year ago.

Crisis in French oyster industry

AFP, Cancale

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French oyster farmers have seen between 40 and 100 percent of their oysters aged one to two years wiped out in recent weeks, far higher than the normal mortality rate in the summer months, a top industry expert said.

The phenomenon is affecting all the oyster-producing regions of France, although the worst hit is the Thau saltwater lake, near the southwest city of Montpellier.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Upazila Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Jagannathpur, Sunamganj

Memo No. LGED/UE/SNM/2008/1820 Date: 01-07-2008

Invitation for Tender (Works)

Tender Notice Number 01/2008-2009

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below:

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	Amount of tender security (Tk)	Price of tender documents (Tk)	Time for completion
01.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3187-A	Horizontal Ext. of Jagadishpur GPS.	28,500.00	750.00	270 days
02.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3187-C	Horizontal Ext. of Jamathullah Alpara GPS.	28,500.00	750.00	270 days
03.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3189-A	Horizontal Ext. of Sharharpara GPS.	33,500.00	750.00	270 days
04.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3189-B	Horizontal Ext. of Anangomohan GPS.	33,500.00	750.00	270 days
05.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3189-C	Horizontal Ext. of Hargram GPS.	33,500.00	750.00	270 days
06.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3190-A	Horizontal Ext. of Sadipur GPS.	33,500.00	750.00	270 days
07.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3190-B	Horizontal Ext. of Samargaan GPS.	33,500.00	750.00	270 days
08.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3191-A	Horizontal Ext. of Rasulganj GPS.	51,700.00	1000.00	270 days
09.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3191-B	Horizontal Ext. of Sajansri GPS.	51,700.00	1000.00	270 days
10.	PEDP-II/SUN/JAG/W1.3191-C	Horizontal Ext. of Asherkandi GPS.	51,700.00	1000.00	270 days
11.	GPSRRPW1.457	Reconst. of Bhabanipur GPS.	38,000.00	750.00	270 days

2. Source of funds: GOB & 2007 Flood Damaged & River Eroded Primary School Reconstruction Project (GOB).

3. Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting: Date: 20-03-2008, Time: 12:00 noon and Place: Office of the undersigned.

4. Last date, time and places of selling tender documents: Date: 05-08-2008, Time up to: 4:00pm. Places: (a) Office of the undersigned, (b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist: Sunamganj, (c) The Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj, (d) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sunamganj Sadar, (e) Officer-in-Charge, Jagannathpur Thana, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj.

5. Last date, time and places of receiving tender: Date: 06-08-2008, Time: 12:00 noon, Place: (a) Office of the undersigned, (b) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist: Sunamganj, (c) The Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj, (d) The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sunamganj Sadar, (e) Officer-in-Charge, Jagannathpur Thana, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj.

6. Date, time and place of opening of tender: Date: 06-08-2008, Time: 4:00pm, Place: Office of the undersigned.

Tender shall be valid for a period of 60 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. Interested tenderer may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in Cash/Treasury Chalan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This invitation for tender is available on the website www.lged.gov.bd.

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১। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	২। স্থানীয় সরকার, পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় মন্ত্রণালয়।
২। সংস্থা	৩। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন।
৩। দরপত্র আধাধিকারী	৪। নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (যান্ত্রিক-২), ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন।
৪। সুপ্রতি পদ্ধতি	৫। খোলা দরপত্র আধাধিকারী পদ্ধতি।
৫। তহবিল ও খাত	৬। সাধারণ "সেবারত ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ" (যান্ত্রিক-২) খাত।
৬। দরপত্র আধাধিকারী নং ও তারিখ	৭। প্রকৌশলী-২/০১/০১/০৮-০৯ তারিখ ১০/০৭/২০০৮ইং।
৭। দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	৮। আগামী ১৪/০৭/২০০৮ইং তারিখের মধ্যে।
৮। দরপত্র নাতার যোগ্যতা	৯। Public Procurement Act-2006 ও বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের জন্য প্রণীত দরপত্র নির্দেশের বর্ণনা ও শর্তনামা।
৯। দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট বিক্রির স্থান	১০। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ ও হিসাবরক্ষক (বিদ্য ও আর বায়), কেন্দ্রীয় হিসাব বিভাগ।
১০। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান	১১। নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, প্রকৌশল বিভাগ (যান্ত্রিক-২) এর কার্যালয়, ধলপু, ঢাকা।
১১। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	১২। নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, প্রকৌশল বিভাগ (যান্ত্রিক-২) এর কার্যালয়, ধলপু, ঢাকা।
১২। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৩। তারিখ-২৯/০৭/২০০৮ইং সময়: অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১৩। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	১৪। তারিখ-৩০/০৭/২০০৮ইং সময়: ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।
১৪। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৫। তারিখ-৩০/০৭/২০০৮ইং সময়: ১:০০ ঘটিকা।
১৫। কাজের সংক্রান্ত বিবরণ	

ক্র. নং	কাজের নাম	দরপত্র নিরাপত্তা জামানত (টাকা)	দরপত্রের তফসিলের মূল্য	কার্যসমাপ্তির সময়-সীমা
১।	পানির গাড়ি নং-ঢাকা মেট্রো-শ-১১-০০৩৯ (মডেল-SCZ 5100 GSS-China, ৬ সিলিন্ডার) এর বিভিন্ন প্রকার প্রয়োজনীয় নতুন যন্ত্রা যন্ত্রাংশ (নমুনা অনুযায়ী) সরবরাহ, সংযোজন ও স্থানীয় সেবারত কাজ।	১৩,৮০০/-	৫০০/-	২০ দিন
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৪।	হাইড্রোলিক ক্রেন নং-ঢাকা মেট্রো-শ-১১-০০২৯ এর প্রয়োজনীয় সেবারত কাজ।	৪,৭৫০/-	৫০০/-	১৫ দিন

শর্তনামা: (ক) দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত "সেবার" ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন এর অনুকূলে যে কোন সিভিলিয়ান ব্যাংকে হতে পে-অর্ডার/চেক ড্রাফট আকারে জমা দিতে হবে।
(খ) দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত PW-1 ফরমে চাহিদানুযায়ী তথ্যাদি যথাযথভাবে পূরণ ও দাখিল করতে হবে।
(গ) দরপত্র সন্দেশে যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
(ঘ) দরপত্র খোলার সময় দরপত্র/প্রতিনিধিগণ উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।
(ঙ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার স্বমত সতর্কতা করেন।

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী
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ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন
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National Institute of Local Government

Local Government Institutions Capacity Building Project for Water Supply and Sanitation Sector
29 Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207

Memo No: NILG/LGI-CBP/Procurement/Automation/27/2008/149 Date: 30.06.2008

Invitation for Tender

Tender Notice No-149

01.	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives.
02.	Agency	National Institution of Local Government (NILG).
03.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, LGI Capacity Building Project for WSS Sector, 29, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
04.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
05.	Invitation for	Automation of Library.
06.	Invitation reference No	NILG/LGI-CBP/Procurement/Automation/27/2008/149
07.	Tender issue date	30 June 2008

KEY INFORMATION

08.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

09.	Budget and source of funds	ADP 2008-09 (DPA)
10.	Development partners	Danida
11.	Project code	5061
12.	Project name	Local Government Institutions Capacity Building Project for Water Supply and Sanitation Sector.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

13.	Tender package No	GD-10
14.	Tender package name	Automation of Library.
15.	Tender publication date	10 July 2008.
16.	Tender last selling date	10 August 2008 during office hour.
17.	Tender closing date and time	11 August 2008, 3:00pm.
18.	Tender opening date and time	11 August 2008, 3:30pm.
19.	Selling tender document	Administrative Officer, LGI Capacity Building Project, Room No. 511, 4th Floor, NILG Bhaban, 29, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
20.	Receiving tender document	Administrative Officer, LGI Capacity Building Project, Room No. 511, 4th Floor, NILG Bhaban, 29, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
21.	Opening tender document	Room No 503, 4th Floor, NILG Bhaban, 29, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, 11 August 2008, 3:30pm.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

23.	Eligibility of tenderer	Complete profile of company/organisation. Must have library and IT professional in the team should have more than 5 (five) years practical experience of library automation with the personnel having at least 2-3 months foreign and local training on WINISIS/WEBISIS from a recognised institution, provide a concept paper regarding the criteria of database, mention particular rules and schedule to be followed in cataloguing, classification and author marks of the resources, provision of minimum 2 (two) years of free service.
24.	Brief description	Development of resource databases, web pages, online access to database, installation of library software WINISIS/WEBISIS along with other necessary software i.e. MYSQL, PHP, Apache etc; preparation of user friendly database for about twenty-five thousand entries, providing training to the library personnel, preparation of user manual for the trainees, provide LAN connection to at least 12 computers in the NILG building with necessary accessories, installation of BARCODE systems with necessary standard accessories; data import, export, period basis accession reporting facilities and link to at least 200 (two hundred) local government and social science related free on-line journals in library web pages.
25.	Price of tender document	Tk 500/-
26.	Tender security amount	Tk. 15,000/-
27.	Completion Time	6 (six) months
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Kabir M. Ashraf Alam.
29.	Address of official inviting tender	Project Director National Institute of Local Government (NILG), 29, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
30.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 8118947, Fax No: 9122809
31.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

Project Director
LGI Capacity Building Project for WSS Sector
NILG, Dhaka-1207

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