

BanglaLion to roll out nationwide WiMax

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

BanglaLion, one of the three WiMax licensees, yesterday said it is set to bring the whole nation under the WiMax network within one year, reaching out the benefit of wireless high-speed internet broadband services.

The company earlier said it would be ready to launch WiMax services in Dhaka by June.

Along with its rollout plan, BanglaLion disclosed its tariff plan at a seminar on 'WiMax for Digital Bangladesh' held at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre, on the sidelines of the BCS Digital Expo-2009.

The company said customers can get minimum 128Mbps round the clock by connecting BanglaLion's WiMax modem, which costs only Tk3,000. The monthly connection fee would be Tk600.

WiMax is a wireless digital communications system,



Abdul Mannan (3-L), chairman of BanglaLion, speaks at a seminar on WiMax for Digital Bangladesh, on the sidelines of the BCS Digital Expo-2009 in the capital yesterday.

which can provide broadband wireless access across 30 miles for fixed phones, and 3-10 miles for mobile stations.

"The licence fee is hefty. But we will rollout in a planned manner so that we can provide door to door services," said Abdul Mannan, chairman of BanglaLion.

He also said his company has no plans to recover the hefty licence fee from the

customers. Bangladesh Communication, BRAC BD Mail Network Ltd and Augere Wireless Broadband Bangladesh Ltd -- won the licences at an auction organised by the telecom watchdog in September last year at a cost of Tk215 crore.

Speaking at the seminar, Hasanul Haq Inu, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on telecommunication, said the infor-

mation and communication technology (ICT) sector should be subsidised to get more positive outcomes.

He said he will suggest the concerned body relieve the ICT sector from heavy taxation in the next budget.

BanglaLion officials said they will launch data services primarily, although they are allowed to use the WiMax technology for tele-

phony.

"I came here to help you and work out steps," he was quoted by his spokesman as saying.

Knowledge Economy Minister Lee Youn-Ho said the government would create funds to support research and development of fuel-efficient or eco-friendly cars and to help parts makers.

But he urged the industry to step up a cost-saving campaign and improve labour relations.

It said 5.48 million, or 33 percent of the country's vehicles, were purchased before the cut-off date.

The reduction will help the industry, which faces sagging demand at home and abroad, boost sales by up to 5.5 million units, the ministry said. Both private and company cars would benefit.

South Korea's vehicle production fell 15 percent in February year-on-year, the ninth consecutive monthly decline, according to the

Korea Automobile Manufacturers Association.

The tax move was unveiled when President Lee Myung-Bak chaired a meeting of top economic officials and representatives from auto companies and parts makers, the president's office said.

Lee also promised additional support measures, saying automakers have "a great impact on the overall industry and can create many jobs."

Italian business confidence hits record low

AFP, Milan

Italian manufacturing sector confidence plunged to a record low in March as foreign and domestic orders for Italian goods shrivelled, the research body Isee reported Thursday.

The agency said its manufacturing confidence index fell from 63.2 points in February to 59.8 in March, its lowest reading since the index was established in 1991.

Analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires had foreseen a March reading of 62.7 points.

"The decline is above all due to a contraction in orders on both domestic and foreign markets," which prompted a downward revision to production prospects, the agency explained.

It added however that heads of industry had revised downward their assessments of the economic climate and the liquidity of their enterprises.

Games trump deals for Philippines web users

AFP, Manila

Internet usage in the Philippines is on the increase but rarely for doing business online -- most people are using the web for social networking or to play games, according to a survey Thursday.

It is the first time such a survey has been conducted in the Philippines, where only around 20 million people -- 22 percent of the country's 90 million population -- have access to the internet.

The survey by Yahoo! and consumer information group Nielsen found that most of those going online are between 10 and 29 and are educated and technosavvy.

GP reinstates 122 former employees

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Grameenphone has reappointed 122 former employees to new roles in the company.

The reappointment came in line with an early assurance by Grameenphone's Chief Executive Officer Oddvar Hesjedal that the issue of former contractual employees would come under consideration.

In 2008, the largest

mobile phone operator changed the status of 1,484 employees -- from contractual to permanent -- in a recruitment process. In the same period, the contracts of another 338 employees were not renewed.

"Around 122 former employees have successfully passed the screening process. They have been placed in new roles," Grameenphone said in a statement on Wednesday.

Kuwait passes \$13.8b deficit budget

AFP, Kuwait City

The outgoing Kuwaiti cabinet on Thursday approved the 2009/2010 state budget which projects a sharp drop in revenues and a four-billion-dinar (13.8-billion-dollar) deficit, Finance Minister Mustafa al-Shamali told the official KUNA news agency.

Revenues are projected at 8.1 billion dinars (27.9 billion dollars), down 36 percent from 43.8 billion dollars of budgeted income in the current fiscal year, he said.



Britain's Prince Charles (C) arrives for a visit to the Ellesmere Port General Motors' owned Vauxhall motors plant in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, northwest England, yesterday. Car production in Britain slumped by 59 percent in February as the recession batters demand, industry body SMMT said on Friday. The news comes one day after the British International Motor Show, one of the main auto industry events in Europe, was scrapped for 2010 due to the sharp economic downturn.

South Korea to cut taxes to help ailing carmakers

AFP, Seoul

South Korea Thursday announced tax cuts to spur car sales during the economic slump but urged automakers to respond with a cost-cutting drive.

From May 1 to the end of the year, consumers will be given a 70 percent cut in taxes when they replace cars registered before January 1, 2000, with new models, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said.

It said 5.48 million, or 33 percent of the country's vehicles, were purchased before the cut-off date.

The reduction will help the industry, which faces sagging demand at home and abroad, boost sales by up to 5.5 million units, the ministry said. Both private and company cars would benefit.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Police Headquarters
Dhaka

Local Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers/local agents in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for Bangladesh Police, Rapid Action Battalion, Formed Police Unit (FPU) and other projects-

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Agency	Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
3. Procuring entity name	Inspector General, Bangladesh Police.
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6. Invitation for	Tender to procure goods (Multiple Lot)
7. Invitation for Tender Reference No.	E&T/Arms/76-2008/11(2008-2009).
8. Date	12 November 2008.

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement method	Open tendering method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of fund	Revenue budget GOB
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11. Tender publication date	25 March 2009.
12. Tender last selling date	8 April 2009.
13. Tender closing date and time	9 April 2009 at 12.00 noon.
14. Tender opening date and time	9 April 2009 at 12.30pm.
15. Name & address of the office(s)	
- Selling tender document	AIG (E&T), Room No. 220 (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
- Receiving tender document	AIG (E&T), Room No. 220 (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
- Opening tender document	Operation Conference Room (1st floor), PHQ, Dhaka-1000.
16. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Operation Conference Room (1st floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
	Date: 5/4/2009
	Time: 11.00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of tenderer	As described in tender document.
18. Brief description of goods or works	Shown at Serial No. 20.
19. Nature of purchase	Framework agreement.
20. Lot No. Identification of lot Quantity Price of tender document Tender security amount in BDT Completion time	
Lot-1 Riot Shield (Male)	5,000 Pcs 1,000.00 2,20,000.00 60 days from the date of work order

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21. Name of official inviting tender	Md. Sibgat Ullah, ppm.
22. Designation of official inviting tender	AIG (E&T).
23. Address of official inviting tender	AIG (E&T), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
24. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel.: 88 02 9564779, Fax: 88 02 7176129 E-mail: aige_1@police.gov.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয়
তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১	বাস্তবায়নকারী অফিস	বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
০২	দরপত্র নং	বিজিপি/ইনভেস্ট-১০১৫/২০০৮-২০০৯।
০৩	পণ্যের বিবরণ	র‍্যাপ-৪ ডেভেলপার, টোনার কার্টিজ, স্টিচিং ওয়াইর ও সোনালী ফয়েল।
০৪	অর্থায়নের উৎস	রাজস্ব বাজেট।
০৫	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	৮০০.০০ (আটশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
০৬	বায়নার টাকা	বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে উপ-নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয় এর অনুকূলে ৩০,০০০.০০ টাকার (ফেরতযোগ্য) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
০৭	ক্রয়/বাস্তবায়ন প্রক্রিয়া	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান পদ্ধতি, ফ্রে ডেলিভারী ভিত্তিতে ক্রয়।
০৮	পণ্য সরবরাহের মেয়াদ	চূড়ান্ত কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের পর হইতে ০১ (এক) মাস।
০৯	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	সকল প্রকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান দর প্রস্তাবে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবেন।
১০	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ	১৬-৪-২০০৯ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে)।
১১	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	(ক) কমিশনার, বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ১ম ১২তলা সরকারি অফিস ভবন, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা (১৩-৪-০৯ হইতে ১৬-৪-০৯ পর্যন্ত, সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত)। (খ) নিয়ন্ত্রক, মুদ্রণ, লেখসামগ্রী, ফরম ও প্রকাশনা অধিদপ্তর, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। (গ) উপ-নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। (ঘ) উপ-নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ ফরম ও প্রকাশনা অফিস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা। (ঙ) উপ-নিয়ন্ত্রক, গভঃ প্রিন্টিং প্রেস, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
১২	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী দপ্তরের নাম	১১ নং ক্রমিক (ক) হইতে (ঙ) ক্রমিকে উল্লেখিত দপ্তরসমূহে।
১৩	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	১৯-৪-২০০৯ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৪	দরপত্র বাস্তবায়নের স্থান	বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
১৫	দরপত্র বাস্তবায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	১৯-৪-২০০৯ তারিখ বেলা ৪.০০ ঘটিকায়।
১৬	দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাচে উপ-নিয়ন্ত্রক, বাংলাদেশ সরকারি মুদ্রণালয়, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা বরাবরে ফরওয়ার্ডিংসহ দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।	
১৭	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

মোঃ মাহমুদ খান
(উপ-সচিব)
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ক্রিডি-১৬০৪

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Population Health & Nutrition Cell
Bangladesh Betar
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

No: Babe (PHNC)/Purchase-9/2009-641 Dated: 24.03.09

Invitation for Re-Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Betar.
3. Procuring entity name	Director, Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
4. Procuring entity code	N/A.
5. Invitation for	Lot-1: Console, Microphone, Line Keyboard, CD Recorder, External Sound Card. Lot-2: Photostat Machine, Cyclostyle Machine, Colour TV, Radio Set. Lot-3: Computer, UPS, IPS, CD, Multimedia Projector. Lot-4: AC.
6. Invitation tenders Ref & date	No: Babe(PHNC)/Purchase-9/09-641, Dated: 24.03.2009.

INFORMATION

7. Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method (NCT).
8. Budget and source of funds	GOB.

KEY INFORMATION

9. Tender last selling date	12 th April/09 at 2:00 pm.
10. Tender closing date and time	13 th April/09 at 2:00 pm.
11. Tender opening date and time	13 th April/09 at 2:00 pm.
12. Name & address of the office (s)	
a. Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	a. Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
b. Name and address of the office receiving tenders	b. Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
c. Name and address of the office opening tenders	c. Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.

13. Eligibility of the tenderer	A. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related service for Lot-1-4. B. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related service for Lot-1-4. C. Tenderers must fulfill special eligibility and qualifications requirements mentioned in the technical specification against the mentioned lots.	
14. Brief description of goods and services	Lot-1: Console, Microphone, Line Keyboard, CD Recorder, External Sound Card. Lot-2: Photostat Machine, Cyclostyle Machine, Colour TV, Radio Set. Lot-3: Computer, UPS, IPS, CD, Multimedia Projector. Lot-4: AC.	
15. Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 500/- for each lot in the form of Pay-Order in favour of DDO Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar.	
16. Lot No. Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (to be deposited in the form of Pay-Order only issued by a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of DDO Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka).		
Lot-1:	As mentioned in Serial No.5 Population Health & Nutrition Cell, Bangladesh Betar, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka Tk. 36,000/- (thirty-six thousand)	4 weeks.
Lot-2:	Tk. 7,000/- (seven thousand)	4 weeks.
Lot-3:	Tk. 15,000/- (fifteen thousand)	4 weeks.
Lot-4:	Tk. 3,000/- (three thousand)	4 weeks.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17. Name of official inviting tender	Md Abdul Hoque.
18. Designation of official inviting tender	Director (In-charge), Phone: 9131632, Fax: 880-2-8120032, E-mail: abdulhoque_bd@yahoo.co.uk.
19. Special instructions	Proper authorizing authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

Md Abdul Hoque
Director (In-charge)
Phone: 9131632