

39 awarded CIP status

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

A CIP (commercially important persons) status for the year 2009 goes to 39 businessmen in the industrial category in recognition of their outstanding performance in line with the 2008 industrial policy.

At a ceremony in Dhaka yesterday, Industries Minister Dilip Barua handed over the CIP cards to the awardees.

Of the awardees, seven are ex-officio, 22 under large-scale, nine medium and one small industrial category.

The ex-officio CIPs are Annisul Huq, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Waliur Rahman Bhuiyan, former president of Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Shahedul Islam, president of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries, Mirza Nurul Gani Shovon, president of National Association of Small and Cottage Industries of Bangladesh, Abdul Hai Sarker, president Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, Nazmul Haque, president of Bangladesh Jute Mills Association and Kamran T Rahman, president of Bangladesh Employers Federation.

The large industrialist awardees include K M Rezaul Hasanat, managing director of Viyellatex Group, Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, Abdus Salam Mursheedy, managing director of Manta Apparels



Industries Minister Dilip Barua poses with the businessmen who were awarded with a CIP status at a ceremony in Dhaka yesterday.

Limited, Mia Mohammad Abdus Salam, managing director of Salam Seafood Limited, Dr Arif Dwola, managing director of Advanced Chemical Industries Ltd, and Ahsan Kabir Khan, managing director of Interfab Shirt Manufacturing Ltd.

The other persons under this category are Kutub Uddin Ahmed, chairman of Envoy Group, Selim Ahmed, managing director of Super Refinery Pvt Ltd, Shibly Mirza, managing director of Al-Amin Beverage Industries Limited, Mahbub Jamil, former managing director of Singer Bangladesh Limited, Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, managing director of Pran Agro Limited, Towhidur Rahman, managing director of Fresh Foods Ltd, Abdul Haque, chairman of Royal Green Products Ltd, Ali Hossain Akber Ali, managing director of Bangladesh Steel and Rolling Mills Ltd, Dr Mohammad Athar Uddin, chairman of Azmat Fashions

Limited, Dipak Bhowmik, chairman of Landmark Fabrics Ltd, Mojibur Rahman, managing director of BRB Polymer Ltd, Yeasmin Khan, managing director of Min Har Fisheries Ltd, Amjad Khan Chowdhury, managing director of Agricultural Marketing Limited, Anwar-ul-Alam Chowdhury, managing director of Evince Group, Anwarul Azim, managing director of ABM Apparels Ltd, and Mahidul Islam Khan, managing director of Citadel Apparels Ltd.

The nine persons awarded under the medium scale industries are Abdur Razzaque Sattar, managing director of Utah Group of Companies, Iqbal Ahmed, managing director of Seemark (BD) Ltd, Khatib Abdul Zahid Mukul, managing director of Zaheentex Industries Ltd, Mosharrif Hossain, chairman of Sonargaon Dyeing and Printing and Mosharrif Spinning Mills Ltd, Inamul Haque Khan, managing

director of Ananta Garments Ltd, M A Jalil, managing director of AJI Apparels Industries Ltd, Habib Ullah Khan, managing director of Minhar Sea Foods Limited, Shahana Sultana, director of International Shrimps Exports Pvt Ltd, and Rezaul Haque, managing director of Modern Seafood Industries Ltd.

In the small industrial category, Amir Hamza Sarker, managing director of Logos Apparel Ltd, is the lone winner of CIP status.

The CIPs will enjoy different facilities during their air, rail and waterway travels for one year. They are also free to enter the secretariat for a period of one year.

Before awarding the CIP cards to the winners, the minister said the new industrial policy will prioritise the private sector.

Industries Secretary Dewan Zakir Hussain and Chairman of SME Foundation Aftab ul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

President stresses enhanced trade ties with India

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday laid emphasis on taking more initiatives for further increasing trade relations between Bangladesh and India to lessen the existing huge trade gap between the two neighbouring countries.

"Both the countries could be benefited in trade and commerce through effective implementation of South Asian Free Trade Area (Safta) agreement," he said while the new Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Rajet Mitter presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban.

During the meeting, Zillur Rahman said Bangladesh always attaches high importance to its relations with India as a closest neighbour in South Asia.

Referring to Bangladesh's commitment to have good relations with all neighbouring countries, the President said collective strength of the South Asian countries should be put in place to bring socio-economic emancipation for the people of this region.

Zillur Rahman urged Indians to import more world class Bangladeshi readymade garment, jute and jute goods, leather and ceramic products considering their competitive prices.

The new Indian high commissioner said he would work to pave the way for making Indo-Bangladesh joint investment here.

Rajet Mitter was accompanied by Deputy High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Mukta Dutta Tomar.

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Price Sensitive Information

This is for information of all concerned that Mr. Masih Ul Karim has resigned from the Board of Directors of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited with effect from the 1st day of January 2010.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants.

Watch over services sector demanded

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The government should monitor the performances of the services sector to ensure the welfare of grassroots people, said the chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) yesterday.

"The government must prioritise the issues of the grassroots people, while making and implementing policy," said Dr Qazi Kholiquzaman Ahmad.

"As the country is still struggling to ensure food, education and health care for all, the government should act as a regulator."

Ahmad was speaking at a workshop on privatisation of services sector, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) at the auditorium of Institute of Diploma Engineers of Bangladesh in Dhaka.

"The government should act as a regulator, so it can monitor and help enhance performances of the services sector. At the same time, the services sector must ensure they make profit only after ensuring the welfare of its workers and without harming the grassroots people," Ahmad.

He also suggested the government attract investment in the manufacturing sector, as the country has a huge unemployed manpower.

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VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

Ref.: ICDDR,B/PO/OTM/09/05 January 1, 2010

1. International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) as Principal Recipient (PR) is in the process of receiving a grant from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) for the project titled "Expanding HIV Prevention Project" under Rolling Continuation Channel (RCC). ICDDR,B intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued.

2. ICDDR,B now invites sealed Proposals from any interested Private Health Organization, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), who fulfil the criteria mentioned in paragraph 4 of this advertisement, in response to the RFP for selection of Sub-recipients to provide services for the following packages:

Package # 1: Providing HIV prevention services with males having sex with males (MSM) and transgender (hijra) in Bangladesh (Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions).

Package # 2: Providing HIV prevention services with males having sex with males (MSM) and transgender (hijra) in Bangladesh (Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions).

Package # 3: Strengthening the capacity of CBOs for an effective national response.

3. Service Package (Brief descriptions):

Main objective of the package # 1 and the package # 2 is to increase the coverage of the prevention services for MSM and hijra across the country. For this, prevention services including education, condom and lubricant promotion, and male sexual health services will be provided through drop in centres (DICs) for MSM and hijra. Most of the services will be provided through outreach activities which will be done mainly by peer educators. Local level advocacy with community and law enforcement agency will be conducted. Legal support will be provided as and when required. Package # 1 will provide services through 20 DICs for MSM and 13 DICs for hijra. Package # 2 will provide services through 19 DICs for MSM and 13 DICs for hijra.

Main objective of the package # 3 is to build capacity of the CBOs in order to increase the scale of the national response. Although Bangladesh has a wide range of NGOs contributing to the response to HIV, key populations at higher risk have remained marginalized and have had few opportunities to develop capabilities needed to grow into effective programmes. Communities are best placed to understand their own issues and to resolve their own problems. The active involvement of communities in the HIV prevention programme is essential to overcome barriers in the effective implementation of these programmes. However, capacity to use this understanding is low amongst most at risk populations (MARPs) in Bangladesh. Many CBOs/self help groups exist but only a few are organized sufficiently to be able to influence policy and programmes. Therefore, the capacities of CBOs/self help groups will be enhanced through training on financial and programme management, monitoring and evaluation, cross learning among organizations, and mentoring by the experts in the field. Over the life time of the grant a total of 60 CBOs of MARPs (IDU, FSW, MSM and hijra) will be supported.

More details of services and terms and conditions are provided in respective RFPs.

4. Eligibility: Any Private Health Organizations/NGOs or CBOs may submit proposals. Interested organization(s) must meet the following criteria and provide documentary evidences to be considered as responsive during the preliminary examination and proposals (technical and financial) of organizations failing to meet the criteria shall be returned unopened after the selection process is over. However, the organizations should also meet other qualification and experience criteria mentioned in the RFP for technical evaluation:

Documentary evidences required for package # 1 and 2 are:

- Existence as a legal entity for a minimum period of three years. Documentary evidence such as certificate of incorporation from the regulatory authority (Registrar of Joint Stock Companies/Social Welfare Ministry/ NGO Affairs' Bureau etc);
- Proven experience on intervention implementation (to be substantiated by submission of annual report, project completion report etc) with MSM and/or hijra for a minimum period of three years;
- Audited financial reports of the past two financial years;
- MOUs with the consortium partners, if applicable;

Documentary evidences required for package # 3 are:

- Existence as a legal entity for a minimum period of five years. Documentary evidence such as certificate of incorporation from the regulatory authority (Registrar of Joint Stock Companies/Social Welfare Ministry/ NGO Affairs' Bureau etc);
- Proven experience of working with the MARP (to be substantiated by submission of annual report, project completion report etc) for HIV for a minimum period of five years;
- Evidence of forming, supporting, strengthening and closely working with CBOs and self health groups of MARP for a minimum of three years;
- Audited financial reports of the past two financial years;

5. Selection will be based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method and procedures for selection are described in the RFP documents.

6. RFP document is available in the Cashier's teller located on the ground floor of IPH Building, ICDDR,B, 68 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka -1212 from 3 January to 27 January 2010, 10.00am to 3:00pm on all working days paying Tk.2,000/- (non-refundable) in cash for each package. The advertisement of RFP is also available in the ICDDR,B website (<http://www.icddr.org>) and in the National AIDS/STD Programme (NASP) website (<http://www.bdnasp.net/>).

7. Proposal should be addressed to the Senior Manager, Procurement and Materials, ICDDR,B, 68 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. RFP response should be dropped in the appropriate box available in the Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B by 2:00pm on 31 January 2010.

8. A pre-proposal meeting will be held in the Conference Room (First Floor), HSID, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212 for **Package # 1 & 2**; on 7 January 2010 at 10.00 am and for **Package # 3**; on 7 January 2010 at 2.00 pm.

9. RFP responses received will be scrutinized/ assessed/ evaluated as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the RFP and successful organization/s will be asked for capacity assessment and contract negotiations.

10. The ICDDR,B is not bound to accept the lowest financial proposal or the highest ranked organization and reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all the responses without assigning any reasons and costs, whatsoever. ICDDR, B also reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the evaluation of RFP and prior to final selection. ICDDR,B shall, in no way, reimburse any cost for the preparation and submission of the proposals.

11. Interested organizations/ NGOs/ CBOs may obtain further information from the address below from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Sunday to Thursday except holiday.

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