

BB spurs banks on CSR

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Banks and other corporate entities should not look out for returns for their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, as government facilities to reward them are already in place, the central bank governor said yesterday.

"We, from the central bank, give extra marks for the management component of the CAMEL rating, which increases their ranks. Besides, while giving permission to open new branches, we also look at their CSR activities and give priority to those with commendable records," said Atiur Rahman.

"So, the banks should not wait for tax rebate for their CSR activities. You have to continue your work for development of the society even if you don't receive any returns, as such activities bring many other benefits apart from tax rebate."

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) governor was speaking at the 'CSR Presentation Meeting' at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in Dhaka. Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI), an advocacy group, organised the meeting.

K Mahmood Sattar, chairman of Association of Bankers Bangladesh Ltd (ABBL), said some banks are making CSR contributions in structured forms for years now, while others in not-so-structured manners.

"We are spending money for society's welfare and the amount spent is increasing every year. But we need to spend in a constructive and focused way to make the contribution effective." He said the corporate houses should be given more incentives.

Mohammed Nurul Amin, chief executive officer of NCC Bank, agreed. He said banks should be given more incentives like tax rebates to encourage them to undertake more CSR activities.

Md Aminur Rahman, member of National Board of Revenue (NBR), said CSR is never a one-way issue. By spending on the welfare of society, the banks and other corporate houses are helping to build a society and develop skill manpower that will in turn help them in the long run.

The central bank governor said the government has widened the scope for CSR activities by selecting 22 areas for interventions.

He said CSR increases market share

for the banks by creating a positive image, widening their clientele base, bolstering employee moral and reducing enterprise risk. "It's a new branding technique."

The governor said there are many areas in Bangladesh where state intervention does not reach out, giving the banks an area where they can extend their hands. "There are also areas where markets have failed. So, you can tap those areas."

He said CSR could be a way to help the country achieve inclusive growth, reduce poverty, bridge market failure and lift the deprived and underdeveloped segment of the country.

The government will play the role of a coordinator, as it strives to make banks more humane, he said.

Bankers also pointed out some flaws in the NBR circular on CSR, and corrective measures.

Moazzem Hossain, editor of The Financial Express, moderated the event, while Shitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury, executive director of BB, also spoke.

MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman made presentations on six potential areas where CSR interventions could be enforced.



Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman speaks at a programme on CSR Presentation Meeting, organised by Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI), at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday. Chairman of Association of Bankers Bangladesh K Mahmood Sattar, extreme right, is also seen.

E-governance in the spotlight

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The public sector should adopt the best e-governance practices to increase its efficiency, and ensure transparency and accountability, speakers said at a discussion in Dhaka yesterday.

The e-governance initiatives, as the test cases across the globe, show results in better reduction of operational costs and expenses, they said.

Global financial giant Citibank NA organised the seminar on E-Governance: Sharing Best Practices & Success Stories towards Digital Bangladesh at Sonargaon Hotel.

In his keynote paper, Sanjeev Jain, head of Public Sector, Global Transaction Services of Citi Asia Pacific, focused on various dimensions of improved e-governance practices and highlighted a range of benefits the government can gain from better e-payment solutions, cross border payments, liquidity management, e-collections and supplier finance systems.

Energy Adviser to the Prime Minister Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury said: "With the increasing digitisation of almost every sphere of public life, there is an urgent need for the government sector to cope with the changing trends for offering better services to the people."

Managing Director and Citi Country Officer in Bangladesh Mamun Rashid also spoke at the programme.

Diversify EU exports: trade expert

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The relaxed rules of origin in the European Union (EU) will allow Bangladesh to increase its exports to the eurozone, said a trade adviser in Dhaka yesterday.

Exports of both ready-made garment products and other products, such as bicycles could increase, said Zillul Hye Razi, trade adviser of the EU trade delegation to Bangladesh, at a trade seminar in Sonargaon Hotel.

"I think it is a very positive move for Bangladesh," Razi said. "But the standards of exportable products to EU should be enhanced too."

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Second International Re-Tender Notice for Procurement of Vinyl Composite Tiles

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. | | |
| 2 | Agency | ICDDR,B | | |
| 3 | Procuring Entity Name | Executive Director, ICDDR,B | | |
| 4 | Procuring Entity District | Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| 5 | Invitation for | Goods | | |
| 6 | Invitation Ref No & Date | Memo No. ICDDR,B/ Mohakhali/ VE/ 10/53 (RT-2), Date: 23-11-2010 | | |
| 7 | Procurement Method | Open Tendering Method (OTM) | | |
| 8 | Budget and Source of Funds | HNPS-GoB | | |
| 9 | Development Partners | HNPS | | |
| 10 | Project / Program Name | Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building – ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh | | |
| 11 | Tender Package No. | Package No. 53 | | |
| 12 | Tender Package Name | Supply of Vinyl Composite Tiles (VCT) | | |
| 13 | Tender Publication Date | December 09, 2010 | | |
| 14 | Tender Last Selling Date | January 05, 2011 | | |
| 15 | Tender Closing Date and Time | January 06, 2011 | Time: 11:30 AM | |
| 16 | Tender Opening Date and Time | January 06, 2011 | Time: 12:00 PM | |
| 17 | Name & Address of the office(s) | Address | | |
| | - Selling Tender Document | Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM | | |
| | - Receiving Tender Document | Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| | - Opening Tender Document | Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| 18 | Pre-tender meeting | Pre-Tender meeting will be held on 20 December, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Finance Conference Room, Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| 19 | Eligibility of Tenderer | <p>a. The tenderers shall be Supplier/ Agent / Distributors/ Contractor/ Businessman having valid Trade License, VAT and TIN No. are eligible to apply.</p> <p>b. Manufacturer shall have minimum 5 (five) years experience to supply VCT in any country.</p> <p>c. Prices shall be on C&F Chittagong by sea freight basis (Cost of items and freight to be specified). L/C will be opened by ICDDR,B in favour of the supplier/manufacturer abroad against their Proforma Invoice. Materials will be received at ICDDR,B premises, Dhaka.</p> <p>d. Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.</p> <p>e. Sample to be submitted along with the tender.</p> | | |
| 20 | Price of Tender Document | Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only | | |
| 21 | Pkg No. | Description | Location | Tender Security Amount (Tk) |
| | 53 | Supply of Vinyl Composite Tiles (VCT) | ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. | Tk.1,50,000 (one lac fifty thousand) in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. |
| 22 | Name of Official Inviting Tender | | Kamruzzaman | |
| 23 | Designation of Official Inviting Tender | | Sr. Manager, P & M | |
| 24 | Address of Official Inviting Tender | | Procurement & Materials Unit, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | |
| 25 | Contact details of Official Inviting Tender | | Tel: 8860523-32, Ext: 3732 | Fax: 8811686 |
| | | | e-mail: zaman@icddr.org | |
| | | | web: www.icddr.org | |
| 26 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. | | | |
| 27 | Special Instruction : | | | |
| | a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008". | | | |
| | b) Tender Invitation notice may also be seen from CPTU web site : www.cptu.gov.bd | | | |
| | c) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place. | | | |
| | d) Notification of Award and Contract agreement will be established subject to the availability of funds. | | | |

Second Re-Tender Notice for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Deep Tube Well

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. | | |
| 2 | Agency | ICDDR,B | | |
| 3 | Procuring Entity Name | Executive Director, ICDDR,B | | |
| 4 | Procuring Entity District | Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| 5 | Invitation for | Goods and works | | |
| 6 | Invitation Ref No & Date | Memo No. ICDDR,B/Mohakhali/VE/10/64 (RT-2), Date: 23-11-2010 | | |
| 7 | Procurement Method | Open Tendering Method (OTM) | | |
| 8 | Budget and Source of Funds | HNPS-GoB | | |
| 9 | Development Partners | HNPS | | |
| 10 | Project / Program Name | Vertical Extension and Renovation of Research and Hospital Building- ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh | | |
| 11 | Tender Package No. | Package No. 10/64 | | |
| 12 | Tender Package Name | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Deep Tube Well | | |
| 13 | Tender Publication Date | December 09, 2010 | | |
| 14 | Tender Last Selling Date | December 22, 2010 | | |
| 15 | Tender Closing Date and Time | December 23, 2010 | Time: 11:30 AM | |
| 16 | Tender Opening Date and Time | December 23, 2010 | Time: 12:00 PM | |
| 17 | Name & Address of the office(s) | Address | | |
| | - Selling Tender Document | Treasury Unit, Cash Counter-2, Ground Floor, IPH Building, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka between 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM | | |
| | - Receiving Tender Document | Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| | - Opening Tender Document | Procurement & Materials Office, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| 18 | Pre-tender meeting | Pre-Tender meeting will be held on December 15, 2010 at 10:00AM at Finance Conference Room at IPH Building, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | | |
| 19 | Eligibility of Tenderer | <p>(i) The tenders shall have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience on construction work / Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Deep Tube Well. Tenderer having valid Trade License, VAT and TIN No. are eligible to apply.</p> <p>(ii) Tenderers shall have experience in the construction work / execution of similar nature of works of Tk.25 (Twenty Five) lacs in single work order within the last 5 (five) years in Bangladesh. Evidence regarding successful completion of works in the form of Work order/Award and Completion Certificate must be submitted along with tender document.</p> <p>(iii) Tenderer must have qualified and experienced Technical Personnel and essential equipment for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Deep Tube Well.</p> <p>(iv) Tenderers are required to submit price quotation correspond to 100% of the required items and quantities.</p> | | |
| 20 | Price of Tender Document | Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) only | | |
| 21 | Pkg No. | Description | Location | Tender Security Amount (TK) |
| | 10/64 | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Deep Tube Well. | ICDDR,B, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. | Tk. 60,000 (Sixty thousand) only in the form of Pay Order, Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of ICDDR,B, Dhaka from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. |
| 22 | Name of Official Inviting Tender | | Kamruzzaman | |
| 23 | Designation of Official Inviting Tender | | Sr. Manager, P & M | |
| 24 | Address of Official Inviting Tender | | Procurement & Materials Unit, Finance Department, ICDDR,B, Mohakhali, Dhaka. | |
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| 26 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. | | | |
| 27 | Special Instruction : | | | |
| | a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per rule of "The Public Procurement Rules 2008". | | | |
| | b) Tender Invitation notice may also be seen from CPTU web site : www.cptu.gov.bd | | | |
| | c) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place. | | | |
| | d) Notification of Award and Contract agreement will be established subject to the availability of funds. | | | |