

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
 Construction of Single Line DG Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar
 Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Request for Expression of Interest (Firm)

1	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Railways.
2	Agency	:	Bangladesh Railway.
3	Procuring entity name	:	General Manager (East) & Project Director, Construction of Single Line Dual Gauge (DG) Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar.
4	Procuring entity code	:	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	:	Chittagong.
6	Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of	:	Hiring NGO/Consultancy Firm for implementation of Resettlement Plan (RP) including capacity building and training of officials of EA.
7	EOI Reference No.	:	PD/DHZ-COX-GUN/RP-NGO/15
8	Date	:	17.11.2015

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement sub-method	:	QCBS (National).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	:	GOB (Development) through BDT.
11	Development partner (if applicable)	:	Asian Development Bank (ADB).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	:	None
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	:	Construction of Single Line Dual Gauge (DG) Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar.
14	EOI closing date and time	:	13.12.2015 at 12:30 hours.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15	Brief description of the assignment	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The objective of the services are to implement the Resettlement Action Plan along with capacity building and training of officials of Executing Agency (EA). To help the Executing Agency for assessment and enumeration of lost assets and Resettlement of Project affected persons in order to prevent impoverishment (likely to be created) by the project and provide support to sustain or develop their socio-economic conditions at a higher level at least pre-acquisition level. Resettlement of all the PAPs including the women and the other vulnerable like handicapped, pregnant women, indirectly affected and post project affected persons in establishing their livelihood and income to be implemented as per approved Resettlement Action Plan (RP). Reviewing of all available materials and reports including relevant studies done earlier by Bangladesh Railway and other authorities as appropriate.
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16	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	:	<p>a) The proposers must have experience of implementing Resettlement Plan (RP) in similar large completed project/projects having at least 10 (ten) years of experience. Details of the Implementing Agency Services and required manpower will be mentioned in the ToR of the Request for Proposal (RFP) on this subject.</p> <p>b) The consulting firm shall have adequate Physical Resources such as office, working equipment, IT facility, survey equipment, logistical support & shall have adequate financial capability such as turnover, liquid asset etc.</p>
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The abovementioned resources are indicative but not limited to. The General Manager (East) & Project Director, Construction of Single Line Dual Gauge (DG) Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar, Bangladesh Railway now invites eligible applicants [NGO/Consultancy Firm for Implementation of Resettlement Plan (RP) including Capacity Building and Training of Officials of EA] to indicate their interest in providing the aforesaid consultancy services. Interested consulting firms/NGO are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (Brochures, description of similar assignments, experience of similar conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experiences of staff, financial capabilities etc). The Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be evaluated on the basis of the following to prepare a short list:

- Age of the firm in respect of registration.
- Brochure(s) containing firm's background, area of expertise, available resources, available facilities, areas of professional/expertise/specialization for the assignment.
- Description of similar assignments (Summary of experience of Proposers in the required area of expertise: Number of Resettlement Plan implemented by the proposers) with documentary evidence.
- Description of similar assignment (Summary of experience in implementation of resettlement activities financed by Donor Agency where the agency's own resettlement policy applied) with documentary evidence.
- Summary of similar projects undertaken in the country or region.
- Availability of appropriate professional qualifications and experience among staff and availability of adequate resources for the assignment.
- Nature, size, employer, location and type of input for contracts in hand.
- Summary of permanent professional employees with key qualifications like as Resettlement Specialist, Land Acquisition Specialist, IT Specialist, Gender Specialist.
- Audited Financial Reports of the proposers: For last three years from the publication of EOI.
- Experience in similar operating conditions.
- Financial and Managerial capacity.

Similarly the NGO (at least the lead partner of JV, in case of JV) must have experience of (i) implementing one large Resettlement Action Plan (with minimum 3000 households, (ii) must have experience of at least ten years of working experience in implementation of land acquisition and resettlement under externally funded development programs, and (iii) must have done planning/ or implementation of three RAPS for externally funded development projects. The NGO will be selected based on (i) Capability of NGO, (ii) General and Specific experience of the NGO and (iii) Key professionals proposed for the job. The services for the assignment shall have to be delivered within 36 (thirty-six) months from the effective date of signing the contract. The intended applicant must submit necessary documentary evidences to demonstrate their experience of similar assignment, experience in similar operating conditions and so on. The applicant is also required to furnish their financial capability.

17 Other details

a) The Consultant (Firm) shall be selected in accordance with PPA/2006 and PPR/2008.

b) Expression of Interests (EOI) in three sets [One original + Two duplicate] shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned.

18 Association with foreign firm(s)

Association in the form of JVCA or sub-consultancy is allowed.

The formation, operation and obligation of JVCA shall be governed by the Rules-54 of PPR, 2008.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

19	Name of the official inviting EOI	:	Mohammad Moqbul Ahmed.
20	Designation of the official inviting EOI	:	Project Director, Construction of Single Line DG Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar.
21	Address of the official inviting EOI	:	Office of the Project Director, Construction of Single Line DG Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar, Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong.
22	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	:	Project Director, Construction of Single Line DG Railway Track from Dohazari to Cox's Bazar via Ramu & Ramu to Gundum near Myanmar, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong. Phone: 01711505308, 031-843200 Email: gme@railway.gov.bd ataul.railway@gmail.com
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any EOI or reject all EOIs.	:	

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A magnificent but harsh land.

Iceland's Sagas

Which is the most book-loving nation in the world? A strong contender is Iceland, the remote island nation in the North Atlantic, whose citizens read, write and publish more books per capita than any other people. This magnificent but harsh land was settled around 900 A.D. by the Vikings. Celts from Ireland followed soon. Agriculture was introduced, farms built, and around 1100 A.D., its first parliament was convened.

The country's literary tradition began in the 1300s with the Icelandic Sagas which are splendid examples of medieval literature. Written by unknown authors, they are stories of heroes and everyday people during the settlement. Some of the Sagas involve the Vikings and their bravery. Other Sagas are about Icelandic farmers, merchants, sailors and settlers, describing in great detail their everyday lives and adventures. Today every schoolchild in Iceland knows these Sagas.

Readers used to modern narrative fiction will find the Sagas unusual. That's because much of today's literature hinges on the inner world of the characters. The world is seen through the lens of the individual (a tradition going back to the Renaissance and exemplified by da Vinci's mathematical formalization of perspective.) The Sagas however describe people, things and actions in a direct and objective manner without dwelling on some individual's point of view.

However, this does not mean they are simple. The Sagas can be poetic, complex and ambiguous. For example, in Egil's Saga, the protagonist, a farmer, is also poet whose poems sprinkle the story. Yet he is a ferocious warrior, capable of staggering brutality.

From the savagery of his youth, Egil matures to a wise old man, the story showing us a deeply complex human character.

For me an attractive feature of the Sagas is their down to earth tone and their closeness to reality. While much of ancient literature such as the Odyssey or the Ramayana are full of fantastical activities of people endowed with supernatural powers, many Sagas are about everyday activities of normal people who deal with life events that we also face today: a greedy neighbour, romance and marriage, a stolen inheritance, and what constitutes justice and fairness. For example, Njal's Saga is a story of two brothers and their families. The most compelling character is a woman, Hallgerdur, who is an independent, brave and crafty soul. The story is modulated by the words of the wise man Njal who dispenses Sage advice on everyday problems, for example, how a husband, deserted by his wife, can get back the dowry (paid in those days by the groom to the bride's family.)

Family and genealogy play an important role in the Sagas. Here is a typical introduction of a character: "There was once a man called Ulf, the son of Bjalfi and Halbera..." Kinsmen are also vital to the stories. Characters such as Egil inherit characteristics from their parents and grandparents and perhaps are fated by them. Characters often sport descriptive names such as Thorfinn the Strong, Valgard the Guileful or even William the Bastard.

If you are interested, several Sagas are available for free download. Some are also available from Penguin Classics books with extensive annotations.

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Dhaka Lit Fest launches

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Books' stall on the festival grounds.

Another book launching event that generated a full house was "The March to Independence" session where noted economist Rehman Sobhan and eminent lawyer and politician Dr Kamal Hossain reminisced about the years leading to Bangladesh's Liberation War.

Moderated by Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, the event saw the launching of Rehman Sobhan's book "Untroubled Recollections: The Years of Fulfilment" published by SAGE Publications Inc.

The 444-page book with 13 chapters presents Rehman Sobhan's memoirs till the time Bangladesh achieved independence.

Replying to Mahfuz Anam's questions, Rehman Sobhan spoke on how he got involved with nationalist mainstream politics of the country despite his family's links with Nawabs of Dhaka who were involved with Muslim League, one of the parties that opposed the liberation of Bangladesh.

He reflected on how his two economy theory caught the attention of the press at a time when politicians were gagged under the martial law rule of Ayub Khan in the 1960s and how it later formed the basis of the 6-Point demands which led to the nation's movement for autonomy.

Defining himself as an optimist, the octogenarian freedom fighter stressed the need for creating a sense of nationhood again in the country.

Dr Kamal Hossain too said people have to be empowered and unity has to be re-established to fight the problems the country faces today.

HWY blocked protesting

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24,000 applicants for the 108 officer (grade-2) posts took the test in the first phase beginning 10:30am.

The agitators moved to the road after the department closed its doors to jobseekers voicing their protest at the sudden announcement.

Christians feeling

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Most of them have restricted their movement.

"We will form a human chain and demonstrate in front of the Jatiya Press Club in protest against the killing and threats," Nirmal Rozario, secretary general of Bangladesh Christian Association, told a mass gathering of the community people at Bottomley Home Girls' High School in the capital.

Nirmal and many from the several thousand-strong audience demanded security for clerics. Addressing the programme, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said the attackers of Parolari, who sacrificed 30 years of his life for the wellbeing of people, were beasts. Regarding the threats, the minister told BBC Bangla Service that nobody informed him about the matter, but said they would provide security to the priests and people of the community.

NEWS IN brief

South Korea to give \$350m loan

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

South Korea will provide a loan of US\$350 million between 2015 and 2017 for infrastructure development in Bangladesh.

A framework agreement to this effect was signed between the two governments in Dhaka on Thursday.

The Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) loan, operated by Korea Eximbank on behalf of the Korean government, is a type of concessional loan with terms and conditions such as 0.01 percent per annum of interest rate, 40 years of reimbursement period and 15 years of grace period, said a Korean embassy press release.

'Woman pours' boiling water on husband in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man suffered burns all over the body allegedly after his wife poured boiling water on him while he was asleep in their Kalyanpur residence in the capital early yesterday.

Raza Mollah, 35, is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

His wife, Selina Begum Sheli, had a quarrel with Raza