



Muhammed Ali, managing director of United Commercial Bank (UCB); Sonia Bashir Kabir, managing director of Microsoft Bangladesh Ltd; Wasantha Weerakoone, chief operating officer of Tech One Global, and Lahiru Munindradasa, country general manager of Tech One Global, attend a deal signing ceremony at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka on September 20. Tech One will help UCB purchase original Microsoft software licences.

Goldman axing nearly 30pc of Asia investment banking jobs

REUTERS, London

Goldman Sachs is cutting almost 30 percent of its 300 investment banking jobs in Asia outside Japan in response to a slow-down in activity in the region, two sources familiar with the matter told Reuters.

The Wall Street bank is reducing the number of bankers working on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and equity and debt capital markets deals, the sources said. It will be left with slightly more than 200 bankers across Asia.

Most of the jobs cuts are likely to take place in Hong Kong, Singapore and China, where Goldman's main Asian offices are located, according to the sources, who said the process was underway. A Goldman Sachs spokesman declined to comment.

The company, whose investment banking revenue fell 11 percent to \$1.79 billion in the second quarter, has been hit by a lacklustre environment for deals across Asia.

The total value of M&A deals across the Asia-Pacific region has dropped to \$572.9

billion so far this year, from \$745.7 billion in the same period of 2015, according to Thomson Reuters data.

Goldman said in July it had embarked on a cost-cutting plan that would save \$700 million a year in response to a "challenging backdrop" for revenue.

It still tops the Asia-Pacific M&A league tables but in the first half of the year it came third after JPMorgan and Citi as the biggest bank by revenue in Asia, according to data published on Friday by industry analytics firm Coalition.

One of the sources said no managing directors in Asia were in the running to be made partners this year while three existing partners in the region had been stripped of their titles.

Goldman and other big investment banks are grappling with a harsh environment after the region's economies and markets failed to deliver sustained growth after the 2008 financial crisis. The banks' business has also been eroded by local competitors.

US Fed plans tighter rules on bank commodity activities

AFP, Washington

The US Federal Reserve on Friday proposed new regulations that would restrict banks' trading and investments in physical commodities in an effort to limit environmental and other risks to financial stability.

US regulators have pointed to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill -- in which an offshore oil rig exploded, touching off an environmental disaster that resulted in billions of dollars in fines to companies involved -- as an example of the risks that commodities investment can pose to financial institutions.

Under the new rules unveiled Friday, the investment banks Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which unlike other banks are allowed to invest in extracting, transporting and storing physical commodities, would

face heightened capital requirements for such activities.

Other banks which engage in commodities trading that extends to physical commodities -- such as oil futures contracts settled in oil and not cash -- would also be required to devote higher capital reserves to backing the deals.

The rules would cap the amount of physical commodities in which banks may invest. They also re-classify copper as an industrial rather than precious metal, removing it from the list of metals that banks are permitted to own and store.

US regulators in recent years have shown increasing concern with banks' involvement in the commodity and energy sectors, calling on lawmakers to help limit such activities. The Fed's proposed rules are open to a 90-day comment period before final implementation.

French growth goes negative in Q2

AFP, Paris

French growth suffered a downward revision on Friday, just days before the government puts together its final budget ahead of presidential elections next year.

France's economy contracted by 0.1 percent in the second quarter, the Insee statistics agency said, revising an initial estimate of zero growth.

This adds a layer of uncertainty to ambitious growth and deficit targets that President Francois Hollande's team reaffirmed only on Tuesday as campaigning for 2017 presidential elections gets underway.

The revision, which shows both consumers and businesses held back spending in April through June, highlights France's difficulties in combining spending boosts in the run-up to the presidential vote with the need to bring the French deficit in line with eurozone rules. Hollande has not said whether he is seeking re-election, but if he does, his economic record will be key, including France's stubbornly high unemployment rate.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয় বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। ওয়েবসাইটঃ www.mofood.gov.bd

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খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের ১০ (দশ) টি কম্পিউটার ক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য ১০ (দশ) টি কম্পিউটার ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত প্রযুক্তিকারী/সরবরাহকারী/আমদানিকারী/প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হতে সিলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় দরপত্রের সাথে টেন্ডার সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলি ও চাহিদার আলোকে প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়	খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
২।	সংস্থা	ঐ
৩।	সংগ্রাহক সংস্থার নাম	ঐ
৪।	সংগ্রাহক সংস্থার কোড নং	৩-৪৮০১-০০০১-৬৮১৫
৫।	যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হলো	মন্ত্রণালয়ের দাপ্তরিক কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য ১০ (দশ) টি কম্পিউটার ক্রয়
৬।	লট নং-১	১০ (দশ) টি কম্পিউটার ক্রয়
৭।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	১৩.০০.০০০০.০২৫.৩১.০২৩.১৫/৮৩, তারিখঃ ২১.০৯.২০১৬ খ্রিঃ
৮।	ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
৯।	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	রাজস্ব বাজেট
১০।	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	২৬.০৯.২০১৬ খ্রিঃ
১১।	দরপত্রের সিডিউল বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ	১৭.১০.২০১৬ খ্রিঃ
১২।	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	১৮.১০.২০১৬ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ০২.০০ টা
১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৮.১০.২০১৬ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ০২.১৫ টা
১৪।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	সেবা শাখা, খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, ভবন নং-৪, কক্ষ নং-১২১, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা
১৫।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	সেবা শাখা, খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, ভবন নং-৪, কক্ষ নং-১২১, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা
১৬।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	উপ সচিব (সেবা) এর অফিস কক্ষ, খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, ভবন নং-৪, কক্ষ নং-১২৬, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা
১৭।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের জন্য প্রদত্ত দরপত্রে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলি
১৮।	মালামালের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	Processor: Intel CORE-i7-6700 6TH GEN (8MB Cache, 3.40GHz Max Turbo up to 4.0GHz), Motherboard: Intel Q170 Chipset, RAM: 8 GB DDR3 1600 Mhz, Hard Disk: 1 TB 7200 RPM SATA বিস্তারিতঃ দরপত্রের সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত নমুনা মোতাবেক
১৯।	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)
২০।	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	২৫,০০০/- (পঁচিশ হাজার) টাকা
২১।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর	মোঃ সাইফুল ইসলাম, উপসচিব (সেবা), খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, ভবন নং-৪, কক্ষ নং-১২৬, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। ফোনঃ +৮৮০২৯৫৪০২২১, +৮৮০২৯৫৪০১১৮
২২।	শর্তাবলি	(ক) এ দরপত্র পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে এবং কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে সংগ্রাহক সংস্থা এ নোটিশ বাতিল বা পরিবর্তন বা যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/প্রত্যাখ্যান/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। (খ) জামানত হিসাবে দরপত্রের সাথে তফসিলী ব্যাংক কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট দাখিল করতে হবে।

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) 21 September, 2016 People's Republic of Bangladesh Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

Brief Description of the Information System: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Campus Local Area Network at 19 Public Universities and IP Telephony System at UGC

IDA Credit No. 4544-BD & 5332-BD

IFB Title: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Campus Local Area Network at 19 Public Universities.

IFB No. UGC/HEQEP/Procurement/G74-AF/2015/884, Date: 21 September 2016

- This Invitation for Bids (IFB) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online on 31 January 2009.
- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the agreement(s) resulting from this IFB: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Campus Local Area Network at 19 Public Universities (ICB No. G74-AF).
- The University Grants Commission (UGC), Bangladesh serves as the implementing agency for the project and Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Campus Local Area Network at 19 Public Universities.
- Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 and is open to all Bidders eligible as defined in these Guidelines, that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

Requirement	Single Entity	Joint Venture		
		All Partners Combined	Each Partner Other than Lead Partner	Lead Partner
1.0 FINANCIAL SITUATION				
1.1 Historical Financial Performance				
Submission of audited balance sheets and income statements, for the last 5 (five) years to demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidders financial position and its prospective long-term profitability. As a minimum, an Applicant's net worth calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive	Must meet requirement	Not applicable	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement
1.2 Average Annual Turnover				
Minimum average annual turnover of US \$ 6.00 million or equivalent in three best years within the last 5 (five) years	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet at least 25% of the requirement	Must meet at least 40% of the requirement
1.3 Financial Resources				
The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, lines of credit, or working capital or any combination of amount US \$ 2.5 (two point five) million or equivalent	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	Must meet at least 25% of the requirement	Must meet at least 40% of the requirement
2.0 EXPERIENCE				
2.1 General experience: a) In case of single entity – the bidder must have; and b) In case of joint venture – each member of a joint venture including the lead partner must have:				
At least 8 (eight) years of experience in the field of Information Communication Technology (ICT) System in the role of contractor/supplier/sub-contractor.				
2.2 Specific experience: The bidder shall have:				
a) The bidder must have experience of execution of contract in the field of Information Communication Technology (ICT) System	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement
b) Experience of supply and installation of networking/ICT Systems as contractor in the purchaser's country or any country other than the Bidder's own country	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must meet requirement
c) Experience of supply and installation of network and/or ICT Systems as contractor having a value of at least US \$ 4.00 million under maximum 2 contracts within the last 5 (five) years	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must have a contract with at least US \$ 2 million
d) At least one contract having at least 2,000 access ports	Must meet requirement	Must meet requirement	N/A	Must meet requirement

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project at the address given below from 9:00AM to 5:00PM (BST) (working days). The bidding document is also available in the websites <http://www.heqep-ugc.gov.bd> and <http://www.bdenr.net.bd>. A pre-bid meeting, which potential bidders may attend, will be held on 19 October 2016, Time: 11:00am. Place: University Grants Commission Bhaban Auditorium, Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 10,000.00 (ten thousand) or in US \$ 125.00 (one hundred and twenty-five) up to 5:00pm BST on 20 November 2016. The method of payment will be through Cashier's Check in favour of the undersigned. Please add additional BDT 8,000.00 (eight thousand) or USD 100.00 (one hundred) for overseas delivery by international courier services.
- Bids must be delivered to the following address: Office of the Project Director, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project, 8th Floor, Dhaka Trade Center, 99, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, at or before 21 November, 2016; 2:00pm BST. Bids need to be secured by a Bid Security. The amount of Bid Security required is: US \$ 125,000.00 (USD one hundred twenty-five thousand). Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address mentioned above at 21 November 2016; 2:30pm.
- The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to the facts that (i) they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid licence or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) violations are considered fraud, which can result in ineligibility to be awarded World Bank-financed contracts.

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