

Buffett willing to help Trump

AFP, New York
Billionaire investor Warren Buffett said Friday the US would move forward after a bruising presidential campaign and that he would be happy to advise President-elect Donald Trump if asked.

"I would do that with any president," Buffett, a strong supporter of Trump rival Hillary Clinton, told CNN. "If any president asked me for help in any way, that's part of being a citizen."

Buffett said he was "100 percent" confident in the US, believing the country would ultimately move beyond the vitriolic campaign.

Buffett picked Clinton over Trump because he thought she had better

"temperament and judgment," calling the risks of weapons of mass destruction "by far the most important thing." "It's important that he does" have a good temperament, he said. "And nobody know for sure what does happen if you get a call in the middle of the night."

Buffett, the head of the massive Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate and the world's third wealthiest person, said he was not bothered that Trump's business record includes "some major failures" -- a reference to his multiple casino and hotel bankruptcies.

"Harry Truman went broke in a Haberdashery store near Kansas City or in Kansas City," he said. "He wasn't much of a businessman. He turned

out to be a terrific president."

Buffett expressed skepticism that Trump will push forward with some controversial campaign proposals.

Talk of imposing a 35 percent tariff on imports from Mexico or China is "a very bad idea, but I'm not going to say it will cause a recession," Buffett said. "Any time you start playing with retaliatory type trade things, it's very likely you're going to have the other side play too."

Buffett called Trump's pledge of four percent annual growth a pipe dream, saying "there may be a given year where that happens, but the math is just too extraordinary."

A better objective was to do a better job of distributing the two percent growth that is possible, said Buffett.

IMF approves \$12b loan to support Egypt

AFP, Washington
The International Monetary Fund on Friday approved a three-year, \$12 billion loan for Egypt to help the country recover from its economic crisis amid soaring inflation and deficits.

The IMF executive board said it would release \$2.75 billion to Egypt immediately, while further disbursements will depend on the country's economic performance and agreed milestones in implementing the reforms. The program "will help Egypt restore macroeconomic stability and promote inclusive growth," the board said in a statement.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said the IMF would be supporting an Egyptian "homegrown economic program" that addresses a huge budget deficit, rising debt, slow

growth and high unemployment.

"The authorities recognize that resolute implementation of the policy package under the economic program is essential to restore investor confidence, reduce inflation to single digits, rebuild international reserves, strengthen public finances, and encourage private sector-led growth," she said in a statement.

She said that there were "significant" risks to implementing the program, but that those risks were mitigated by key actions already being taken by the government and "broad political support" for the loan program's goals.

The loan announcement by the global crisis lender comes after Cairo took crucial preliminary reform steps in recent weeks to meet IMF requirements, including cutting fuel subsi-

dies, announcement of a value added tax, and floating the Egyptian pound, which subsequently lost 45 percent of its value against the US dollar.


Egypt is reeling after six years of political and economic turmoil involving the ousters of two presidents. Police had to put down some small protests Friday against rising prices, and analysts warn the government will continue to face challenges.

Cairo governments had avoided implementing the economic reforms for years fearing unrest, but President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said Egypt no longer has the luxury of postponing them.

The IMF said Egypt's economic program will be subject to five reviews over the life of the loan. The reviews are traditionally held every quarter, after which another tranche of the loan is released.



Yasin Ali, chairman of Regent Airways, hands over a certificate of appreciation to the officials of Crystal Way Travels, at a programme to celebrate the sixth founding anniversary of the airline at Rawa Convention Centre in Dhaka yesterday.



Bangladesh Tourism Board
(National Tourism Organization)
Level-3, Building-2, BSL Office Complex (Hotel InterContinental)
1 Mintu Road, Dhaka.

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Ministry/Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism
Procuring Entity Name :	Bangladesh Tourism Board
Procuring Entity District :	Dhaka
Invitation For :	Creative Advertising Services and Media Buying.
Invitation Ref. No. :	BTB(Marketing)/Hiring Charge/Creative/2016(466)
KEY INFORMATION	
Procurement Method :	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
Budget and Source of Funds	Budget of GOB
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
EOI Publication Date :	November 13, 2016
Last Date & Time of Submission of EOI :	Till November 27, 2016 5.00 PM
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
Brief Description of the Assignment	<p>The services include not limited to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conceptualize and design all creative works for all types of advertisements aligned with Bangladesh Tourism Board's creative strategy. Co-ordination with all media vehicles – print, audio & video (including electronic and internet). Design pavilions/stalls (with 3D design) for exhibitions. Prepare content for newsletter, brochure, travel guide, booklets etc. Media buying in digital, electronic and print media. Translation services if required for print or digital materials.
Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity required to	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brochures submitted by the applicants summarizing their facilities and areas of expertise in creative advertisement, national and international media buying. Description of similar assignments. Experience in similar operating environments and conditions. Availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications among applicant's staff and adequate resources to carry out the assignment; Managerial strength and financial capacity
Name of Official Inviting Tender :	Akhtaruz Zaman Khan Kabir
Designation of Official Inviting tender	Chief Executive Officer
Address of Official inviting Tender	Level-3, Building-2, BSL Office Complex (Hotel InterContinental) 1 Mintu Road, Dhaka.
Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone : 58315954-55, Fax: 58315300, Email:btbnto@gmail.com

The sealed envelope marked as 'Expression of Interest for Creative Advertising' should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Tourism Board, Level-3, Building-2, BSL Office Complex (Hotel InterContinental), 1 Mintu Road, Dhaka by post or courier or email or physically. Short list shall comprise minimum 4 or maximum 7 Creative Advertising Agencies who will be requested to submit the Technical and Financial proposal. Bangladesh Tourism Board shall reserve the right to cancel or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason.



M Nazeem A Choudhury, head of consumer banking at Eastern Bank, and Mohammad Imran Humayun Khan, head of sales and marketing of Sayeman Beach Resort, Cox's Bazar, exchange the signed documents of a deal at a programme in Dhaka. The cardholders of the bank will enjoy up to 40 percent discount on room rack rates and 50 percent discount on banquet/conference/meeting room at the resort.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Immigration and Passports
E-7, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
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Invitation for International Tender

SN.	Description	Details
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Department of Immigration and Passports.
3	Purchaser name	Director General.
4	Purchaser code	Not applicable.
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Spare and Wearing Parts of MRP Personalization Machines (Ruhlatam-2100) and Consumables for Passport Personalization.
7	Invitation Ref No.	File No. DIP/ESTB-2/4/2015(PART-1)/762
8	Date	09th Nov 2016.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh (GoB).
11	Development partners	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	Not applicable.
15	Tender package name	Not applicable.
		Date
16	Tender publication date	09 Nov 2016.
17	Tender last selling date	19 Dec 2016 (During office hours).
		Date
		Time
18	Tender closing date and time	20th Dec 2016 13:00 hrs BST.
19	Tender opening date and time	20th Dec 2016 14:00 BST.
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	Selling tender document	Deputy Director (Finance), Room No. 705, Department of Immigration and Passports, E-7, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
	Receiving tender document	Deputy Director (Admin & Est), 5 th Floor, Room No. 609, Department of Immigration and Passports, E-7, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
	Opening tender document	Conference Room, Room No. 602, Department of Immigration and Passports, E-7, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Conference Room, Room No. 602, Department of Immigration and Passports, E-7, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
		Date
		Time
		29 th November, 2016
		BST 11:00 hrs
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	All countries of the world except Israel.
23	Tenders qualification criteria	The tenderer/supplier/manufacturer must have a qualification to supply of High Capacity Machine Readable Passport (MRP) Personalization Machines and its Spare and Wearing Parts and Consumables for Passport Personalization. <u>The Tenderer/Manufacturer/Supplier shall have:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum five (3) (three) years of overall experience in the supply and installation of Machine Readable Passport (MRP) Personalization Machines and its Spare Parts. Capacity of supply and installation of spare parts for minimum 3 (three) Nos. of MRP Personalization Machines for last 5 (five) years. The supplier should contract with manufacturer who has its own manufacturing plant for manufacture and supply of spare parts of High Capacity MRP (Ruhlatam-2100) Personalization Machines and its Consumables (Printing Ink, UV Flush, IPI Click and Cleaning cloths). The tenderer/supplier/manufacturer shall have international certification ISO 9001 on supply and installation. Others criteria are mentioned in the respective sections of the tender.
24	Brief description of goods or works	The supplier shall provide spare and Wearing Parts of three MRP Personalization Machines in Personalization Centre of DIP. List of spare parts and Personalizing Consumables (Printing Ink, UV Flush, IPI Click and Cleaning cloths) for Passport Personalization are mentioned in the schedule of requirement.
25	Brief description of related services	If required the supplier should provide support for installation.
26	Price of tender document (Tk)	BDT 20,000.00 (Taka twenty thousand) and non-refundable.
27	Lot No.	Identification of lot
		Location
		Tender security amount
		Completion/ supply time in weeks
	1	For Procurement of Spare and Wearing Parts of MRP Personalization Machines and Consumables of Passport Personalization. Its lists are mentioned in tender document.
		Personalization Center, Department of Immigration and Passports, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh
		USD 1,5000.00 (fifteen thousand)
		8 weeks from the opening of Letter of Credit (LC)
PURCHASER DETAILS		
28	Name of official inviting tender	Director General.
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director General.
30	Address of official inviting tender	Dept. of Immigration and Passports, E-7, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
31	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +88-02-9126717 Fax: +88-02-9123399
32	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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