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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	BEPZA			
4	Procuring Entity code	Not used at present			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Expression of Interest for	Consulting Firm (Lump-sum)			
7	EOI Ref No.	03.317.014.00.00.278.2016-			
8	Date	12 January 2017			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
9	Procurement Sub-Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
10	Budget and source of Funds	Self finance of BEPZA			
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	Not applicable.			
13	Project/Programme name	BEPZA Economic Zone, Mirsarai, Chittagong.			
14	EOI Closing Date & Time	12 February 2017 at 3:00 PM			
15	Name and address of the office (s)	Receiving of EOI Room of Deputy Chief Engineer, BEPZA, BEPZA complex, House-19/D, Road-06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
16	Brief Description of Assignment	The overall objective of the services shall cover, but not limited to the following scope :  Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) is the official organ of the government and the leading organization to enhance investment, employment, export, to transfer technology and earn foreign exchanges in the industrial sector of Bangladesh. By this way in 08 (eight) Export Processing Zones (EPZs) now there have total 588 industrial enterprises where only 462 are in operation. The cumulative investment in these is US\$ 4117 million and almost 4.60 lac Bangladeshi people are employed in the EPZ enterprises. The last year export from the EPZs is US\$ 6676 million which contributes to 19.5% of the national export earnings. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has allotted 1150 acres of land under Shadur Char and Pirer Char Mouza of Mirsarai Upazilla at Chittagong district to Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) for developing 'BEPZA Economic Zone'. To construct, establish & operate the proposed zone a high quality Environment friendly Master plan is required for the said project considering various upcoming issues like, cost effective use of wealth, energy, water and other utilities. BEPZA hereby intends to appoint a reputed National / International Consulting Services Firm for a high quality Environment friendly Master plan for the proposed 'BEPZA Economic Zone' Project, at Mirsarai, Chittagong. <b>Preparation &amp; Submission of a high quality Environment friendly Master plan is required for the said project considering various upcoming issues like, cost effective use of wealth, energy, water and other utilities at Shadur Char and Pirer Char Mouza under Mirsarai Upazilla is the main objective.</b>			
17	Qualification and Experience	The Consulting Firm should have the following experience: 01. At least 5 (Five) years of experience of preparing master plan or developing economic/industrial zones, large size industrial parks, or Export Processing Zones or large type of export oriented industry. 02. The firm should have experience of planning or implementation, knowledge and understanding of the operation of Large export oriented industry, Industrial zones or Economic Zone or EPZs, verifiable success in the delivery of high-quality outputs within time and budget constraints. The firm should also have good reputation and accountability to the regulatory authority for performing similar assignments in the past. 03. The firms may associate with other firm or individuals to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "joint-venture", or of "sub-consultancy". All members of such association should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment with relevant expertise and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms/institutes in the association to two or three.			
18	Other details	1. The consultant firm shall be selected using the QCBS Method in accordance with Public Procurement Rules-2008 and Public Procurement Procedures by the GoB. 2. The firm(s) may form Joint-Venture, Consortium or Association (JVCA) to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the Association is in the form of a "Joint-Venture" or "Sub-Consultancy". In the case of joint-venture, all firms/entities shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract. 3. But in case of sub-consultancy the lead firm shall sign the contract and shall be liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract. It is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of four. 4. Special Instructions: a) Incomplete/ partial REOIs will be rejected b) Interested firm(s) must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the services c) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the REOIs or annul the REOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected application(s) 5. Interested consulting firm(s) may obtain additional information from the office mentioned below during office hours on Sunday to Thursday. 6. The Proposals in two sets (1 original+ 1 duplicates) shall be submitted in sealed envelope & delivered to the address of the under signed up to 03.00 PM by 12 February 2017 & clearly marked as "Request for Expression of Interest" for the "Preparation & Submission of a high quality Environment friendly Master plan is required for the said project considering various upcoming issues like, cost effective use of wealth, energy, water and other utilities at Shadur Char and Pirer Char Mouza under Mirsarai, Chittagong District". 7. Basis of EOI Review: EOIs will be reviewed for preparation of a shortlist on the basis of the following: (a) Registration year/Age of the firm; (b) Availability of appropriate skills of key professionals. (c) Availability of resources.; (d) Turn over of the firms. (e) Experience in similar tasks, that is experience of preparing master plan or developing economic/ industrial zones / large size industrial parks/ Export Processing Zones/ large type of export oriented industry. (f) Financial solvency. (g) The consulting firms should have proven experience of landscaping, urban planning etc. 8. Expected Team Composition per proposal i) Team Leader ii) Economist, iii) Industry Sector Expert(s), iv) EZ Master Planning Expert, v) Expert liaison officer.			
19	Association with foreign firms	Not encouraged			
	Ref. No.	Phasing of services	Location	Indicative Start date (Month/year)	Indicative completion date (Month/year)
	20	Preparation & Submission of a high quality Environment friendly Master plan is required for the said project considering various upcoming issues like, cost effective use of wealth, energy, water and other utilities at Shadur Char and Pirer Char Mouza under Mirsarai, Chittagong.	Shadur Char and Pirer Char Mouza P.S-Mirsarai, District-Chittagong	February 2017	03 Month
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS.</b>					
21	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Md. Abdul Alim			
22	Designation of official Inviting EOI	Deputy Chief Engineer			
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, BEPZA Complex, House-19/D, Road-06, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205			
24	Contract Details of official inviting tender	Phone- 02-9661370, Fax : 02-9673020, E-mail: dcebepza@yahoo.com			
<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTION</b>					
(i) Incomplete or partial REOIs will be rejected. (ii) The PPA-2006, PPR-2008 and its amendment will be followed. (iii) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the REOIs or annul the REOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).					

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Chairman of Eastland Insurance Company Mahbubur Rahman attends the company's annual conference for 2017, at the auditorium of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Saturday. Directors Abu Sayeed Md Quasem and Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Executive Vice Chairman Ghulam Rahman and Chief Executive Officer Arun Kumar Saha were also present.

Germany defends car industry after Trump assault

German Vice Chancellor and Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel on Monday warned US President-elect Donald Trump not to slap punitive tariffs on imports from carmakers like BMW, Daimler and Volkswagen. "The American car industry will be worse, weaker and more expensive" if Trump were to levy a 35-percent tax on German cars, Gabriel told mass-market newspaper Bild. He added it would also hurt US carmakers if components were subject to higher duties. More German cars could be seen on the streets of New York than US cars on German streets, the Republican election victor had complained in an interview released Sunday.

Gabriel responded that "the US will have to build better cars" if they want to change that. "It doesn't help to make others weaker, you don't yourself get stronger by doing that," he added. Trump singled out Munich-based luxury carmaker BMW in his interview with the Times of London and Germany's Bild, saying the firm would face the swingeing tariffs if it continued construction of a planned factory in Mexico, rather than the US. A BMW spokesman told AFP on Monday that construction at its factory in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, is "continuing as planned and expected to be finished in 2019". Series 3 cars to be built at the plant "are planned to serve the global market", and not just the US, he said. "We are a net exporter from the

USA," he went on, pointing to the firm's largest factory worldwide in Spartanburg, South Carolina. That facility produced more than 400,000 vehicles in 2016 and directly or indirectly supports almost 70,000 jobs, the spokesman added. Gabriel told Bild that he expected Trump to change after being sworn in as president on Friday, when he will "realise how diverse the economic links" between the US and Germany are. "My only advice is not to get agitated," he said of Germany's future dealings with the US under the president-elect. "Not only we Germans, but we Europeans in total, we aren't somehow outmatched by him. We ourselves have something to bring to the table."

Tokyo office boom fades with more space, fewer workers

Commercial property prices in Tokyo, a bellwether for Japan's market, look to have peaked as the capital faces a glut of new offices even as the number of office workers is set to decline. The property market had rebounded in the past three years as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's economic policies, with ultra-low interest rates, drew in investors attracted by the wider gap than in other developed markets between returns on property and borrowing costs. Also, as Japanese companies regained confidence, they sought more space, helping drive down office vacancy rates in the capital. Rents have been rising since 2014. But office rents are now expected to start falling as early as next year as new space comes on to the market, analysts and commercial property owners say. "Tokyo's office space is almost full, but if the economy turns negative, some tenants may reduce their space or move to a cheaper location," said Masashi Saio, section manager at the real estate department of Nippon Life Insurance, which owns office buildings nationwide. "If that happens, owners of office properties may have to cut rents. We expect a large supply of office space that could affect the balance between supply and demand," he added. Between 2018 and 2020, when Tokyo is due to host the Olympic Games, the capital expects to add 2 million square meters of new office space - equal to more than 8 percent of its total as of mid-2016, said Shunji Kobayashi, senior manager at the real estate research team for Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank. "Newer space may be filled, but there will be vacancies in older properties," he said. "Demand for new office space is not expanding because financial institutions are not growing their space like they used to." Worries over falling rents are already feeding into property firms' share prices, with the performance of the Topix real estate index ranking 26th out of 33 sub-indices last year. Mitsui Fudosan, one of Japan's



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, and his wife Akie wave to well-wishers before their departure for the Philippines, at the Haneda International Airport in Tokyo.

largest property developers, is already marketing space in its Tokyo Midtown, a 10-year-old office and retail complex in Roppongi, which is expected to become almost one-third vacant, a Tokyo-based broker said. Yahoo Japan Corp last year moved from the complex to the newly built Tokyo Garden Terrace, developed by Seibu Holdings Inc. And Fast Retailing Co, which operates the Uniqlo clothing retailer, also plans to move some of its operations out of the complex to a warehouse in a cheaper location. Tokyo's office vacancy rate has fallen in almost every month since June 2012, from 9.43 percent to 3.61 percent, said Miki Shoji, a broker, and office rents rose 10.6 percent over that period, though that increase was tempered by the prospect of so much new office space coming onstream. The vacancy rate is expected to rise again, to around 6 percent - more than the 5 percent level considered healthy - and that will push down rents from 2019, said Kobayashi at Sumitomo Mitsui Trust. CBRE, a global real estate research firm, predicts Tokyo's prime office rents will fall 1 percent in 2017-18, and some new office towers will open with vacancies. With an average annual office rent of \$160 per square foot, Tokyo's Marunouchi financial district ranks

sixth among global business centres, some way behind Hong Kong's Central (\$290) and London's West End (\$262), according to CBRE. Predictions of falling rents have already slowed property deals, with the value of office property transactions falling 28 percent to 1.3 trillion yen (\$11.37 billion) last year. Urban Research Institute, a think-tank affiliated with Mizuho Trust & Banking Co, reckons this is because prices have risen too high for investors to justify future income. Office deals made up less than a third of all transactions last year, down from 41 percent in 2015, according to Urban Research. Meanwhile, firms are still on the move. Trading firm Mitsui & Co is due to move into a new headquarters building in mid-2020, leaving Nippon Life, the owner of its current offices in the upmarket 22-floor Marunouchi Garden Tower, to find new tenants. As co-owner of its new headquarters, Mitsui & Co will also have to find tenants for part of the twin-tower office and retail complex that will add 360,000 square meters of new space. The other owner, Mitsui Fudosan, is also developing a 35-storey building in Hibiya, near the Imperial Palace, to be completed by next January, as well as a 31-storey tower due in the same year in Nihonbashi.

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