



Asaduzzaman Noor, cultural affairs minister, and Rokia Afzal Rahman, president of Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs, attend the closing session of a two-day businesswomen forum to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Federation in Dhaka on January 28. At the event, Sara Zaker, media personality, was the special guest and Luna Shamsuddoha, founder and chairman of Dohatec New Media, was one of the speakers. Rasheda K Choudhury, former caretaker government adviser, joined the programme as the chief guest. Organisers held a brainstorming session to find ways to reach out to emerging young women entrepreneurs in district towns with a special focus on the use of information technology in business.

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An iPhone made in America? Not that simple

AFP, San Francisco

As US President Donald Trump pushes hard for goods to be "made in America," how realistic is it to expect Apple to stop manufacturing its iconic devices in China?

The freshly installed president vowed while campaigning that he would force Apple to bring production to US soil.

Yet, as other big companies have sought to appease the new administration with promises of jobs or investments in the United States, Apple has stayed low-profile.

Major Apple contractor Foxconn this month confirmed that it is considering a \$7 billion investment to make flat panels in the US in a joint project with Japan's SoftBank.

"I have discussed with my major clients about going to (the US) and they are also willing to invest, including Apple," Foxconn founder Terry Gou told reporters in Taipei.

Taiwan-based Foxconn has given

no details, and Apple declined to comment.

Global Equities Research analyst Trip Chowdhury believed that moving manufacturing to the US, where many customers are, was more of a common-sense move than a political one.

"You need to manufacture local products in local markets," Chowdhury reasoned.

Making things locally gives better control of distribution networks and lets manufacturers customize goods for local markets, the analyst noted.

Whether politically motivated or not, Apple is not in the same position as automakers which relocated US factories overseas to cut costs, according to IHS manufacturing processes chief analyst Dan Panzica. Apple never moved jobs offshore, it created them there.

"The Apple jobs were never here," Panzica said. "The entire supply chain grew in China."

Apple benefits in Asia from a network that goes beyond subcontractors assembling smartphones, tablets or laptops. The California-based firm relies on a dense ecosystem of companies that make components and spare parts for its devices as well.

China also offers sources of important raw materials, along with cheap, flexible and abundant labor to keep iPhone assembly lines cranking along.

It would be "very hard to replicate" that situation with US workers without using "more robotics and less workforce," undermining the political aim of creating jobs here, according to Endpoint Technologies analyst Roger Kay.

Exacerbating the challenge, "it makes no sense to make phones here if you have to ship all the components from China," said technology analyst Jack Gold of J. Gold Associates.

The MIT Technology Review in June considered several scenarios, from simply bringing assembly to the US to simultaneously shifting the manufacture of parts here.



ACI PHARMA

Arif Dowla, managing director of ACI Pharma, attends the annual marketing and sales conference for 2017 at Hotel Seagull in Cox's Bazar on January 28.

BANGLADESH SMALL & COTTAGE INDUSTRIES CORPORATION (BSCIC)				
BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised)				
137-138, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.				
Invitation For Tenders (IFT)				
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry Of Industries		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation(BSCIC)		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised)		
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Works		
7	Invitation Ref No	Bisipa/Siraj earth filling and dyke erection-60/2013-2017/ 640		
8	Date	29 January 2017		
Key information				
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method(OTM)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A		
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised)		
14	Tender Package No	Bisipa/Siraj-60		
15	Tender Package Name	Earth Filling and Dyke erection for Land Development at BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised)		
16	Tender Publication Date	30 January 2017		
17	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	27 February 2017, 3.00 pm		
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	28 February 2017, 12:00 noon		
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	28 February 2017, 03:00 pm		
20	Name & Address of the office Selling Tender Document (primary)	Office of the Project Director, BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj(2 nd Revised), BSCIC Bhaban (6 th floor), 137-138, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka		
21	Name & Address of the office Selling Tender Document (Secondary)	Ministry of Industries, 4 th floor, Planning Wing, 91 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka		
22	Receiving Tender Document (primary)	Office of the Project Director, BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj(2 nd Revised), BSCIC Bhaban (6 th floor), 137-138, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka		
23	Receiving Tender Document (Secondary)	Ministry of Industries, 4 th floor, Planning Wing, 91 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka		
24	Opening Tender Document	Office of the Project Director, BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj(2 nd Revised), BSCIC Bhaban (6 th floor), 137-138, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka		
25	Place / Date / Time of pre tender meeting	No pre-Tender meeting will be held		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
26	Brief Eligibility and Qualifications of Tenderer	i) Having valid Trade License & reputed contractor who have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience in construction and in earth filling. ii) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in Earth Filling Works of at least 01(one) contract of similar nature complexity and methods/construction technology successfully completed within the last 05 (five) years with a value of at least Tk. 30.00 (thirty) Crore (iii) The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 67 (Sixty Seven) Crore over the last 5 (five) years or best 3(three) years in the last 5(five) years. (iv) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderers shall be Tk 25 (twenty Five) Crore (v) Other required eligibility and condition of the tenderers are described in Tender Data Sheet (TDS) and in Standard Tender Document (STD) shall be applicable		
27	Brief Description of Works	Earth Filling		
28	Price of tender document	4000/- (four thousand) Taka		
29	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Aminul Haque		
30	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project director (Joint Secretary)		
31	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Office of the Project Director, BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj(2 nd Revised) BSCIC Bhaban (6 th floor),137-138 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka		
32	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone : 57160711 Fax No. 57160711 e-mail : blackdiamondglitters@gmail.com		
33	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
01	Earth Filling and Dyke erection for Land Development at BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised) - Lot: 01	BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised) at district Sirajganj	1,50,00,000/- (one crore fifty lac taka)	08 (eight) Months
02	Earth Filling and Dyke erection for Land Development at BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised) - Lot: 02	BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised) at district Sirajganj	1,50,00,000/- (one crore fifty lac taka)	08 (eight) Months
03	Earth Filling and Dyke erection for Land Development at BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised) - Lot: 03	BSCIC Industrial Park, Sirajganj (2 nd Revised) at district Sirajganj	1,50,00,000/- (one crore fifty lac taka)	08 (eight) Months
34	The procuring process will be conducted by PPA- 2006 and The Public Procurement Rules -2008 (PPR-2008). Tenderers having quoted the tender price more than 10 (Ten) percent above or below the official cost estimate, the tender will be rejected and The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.			

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
Director, Stores & Supplies				
Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dhaka.				
Tender for Goods (Multiple Lots)				
Ref. No: CMSD/GR-1603/ICT/16-17/D-6/10			Dated: 29 /01/2017	
KEY INFORMATION				
1	Procurement Method / Document	ICT Open		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
2	Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Government)		
3	Development Partner			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
4	Project / Programme Code			
5	Project / Programme Name	GOB		
6	Tender Package No.	GR-1603		
7	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Urological Equipment (NIKDU)		
8	Tender Publication Date	01, February -2017		
9	Tender Last Selling Date	14, March- 2017		
10	Tender Closing Date and time	15, March -2017 11:00 AM		
11	Tender Opening Date and time	15, March-2017 11:30 AM		
12	Name and Address of the Office(s)			
	-Selling Tender Document(Principal)	Central Medical Stores Depot, 30, Shahid Taj Uddin Ahmed Swarani, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Bidding documents will be delivered from the counter of CMSD to the bidders or their local agent		
	-Selling Tender Document(Others)	Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD)		
	-Receiving Tender Document	Do		
	-Opening Tender Document	Do		
13	Place/Date/Time for Pre-Tender Meeting	Central Medical Stores Depot: 12, February- 2017 11:30 AM		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
14	Eligibility of Tenderer	ITT 13.1 The maximum 3 (Three) arbitration against a Tenderer over a period of the last five (5) years ITT 14.1(a) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 2 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. ITT 14.1(b) The tenderer shall have manufactured and marketed the specific Goods (Medical Equipment) under this contract for at least two (02) years and similar Goods for at least five (05) years of amount equivalent or more than the price offered by the tenderer . ITT 14.1(c) In case of a tenderer offering Medical Equipments under this contract that the tenderer does not manufacture or otherwise produce, the tenderer shall produce document that he is duly authorized by a manufacturer of the Medical Equipments that meets the above criteria. * Cumulative requirement required for tenderers participating in more than one lot. ITT 15.1(a) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility are: For Lot 1: BDT. 1,60,00,000.00 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies); For Lot 2: BDT. 1,00,00,000.00 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies); For Lot 3: BDT. 50,00,000.00 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies); *Tenderers participating in more than one lot must have cumulative Liquid Asset for the participating lots. Annual Turnover : For Lot-1 : BDT. 6,76,00,000.00 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies); For Lot-2 : BDT. 4,44,00,000.00 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies); For Lot-3 : BDT. 2,10,00,000.00 or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies)		
15	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Procurement of Urological Equipment (NIKDU)		
16	Brief Description of Related Service	Do		
17	Tender Document Price	BDT 4,000/- (Bangladesh Taka four thousand) or US\$ 50.00 (United State Dollar Fifty) only. The method of payment will be in pay order from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh.		
18	Lot No	Identification	Location	Tender Security Amount in Taka
	Lot-01	Procurement of Urological Equipment (NIKDU)	CMSD	BDT. 4,50,000.00 or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency through a scheduled bank in Bangladesh.
	Lot-02	Procurement of Urological Equipment (NIKDU)	CMSD	BDT. 3,00,000.00 or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency through a scheduled bank in Bangladesh.
	Lot-03	Procurement of Urological Equipment (NIKDU)	CMSD	BDT. 1,50,000.00 or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency through a scheduled bank in Bangladesh.
				112 days from the date of signing of contract
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
19	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Brigadier General Md. Parvez Kabir		
20	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director, Stores & Supplies & Line Director Procurement, Logistics & Supplies Management, CMSD, Tejgaon, Dhaka.		
21	Address of Official Inviting Tender	30 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka.		
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No: 9129231 Fax: 88-2-9126547		
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders				