



The final advisory council meeting of the 12th Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards took place at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro in Dhaka. Sajida Foundation and Citibank NA Bangladesh are organising the programme along with the Credit and Development Forum as the strategic partner. The Daily Star and Channel i are the media partners of the event.

Despite diesel scandal, new models coming to US

AFP, Detroit
Despite uproar created by the diesel emissions cheating scandal at Volkswagen, Ford and General Motors are poised to offer new or revamped diesel vehicles to their American customers.
It is a bold move, since only 255 diesel cars were sold in the US market in January, compared to the 5,000 to 10,000 a month rate for most of 2015 -- before the VW scandal broke.
GM sold just 1,400 Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon compact pickup trucks with small diesel engines in 2016. That represented less than one percent of the trucks GM sold in this segment.
But even as automakers turn increasingly to electric and hybrid engines to meet demand for cleaner cars, and more importantly to meet government efficiency standards, diesel remains an option.
Diesel still produces better mileage than

gasoline engines, so it can bolster the fleet-wide fuel economy average, which is critical to meeting US regulatory requirements.
Ford is planning to launch a diesel version of its popular F-150 pickup truck, while GM has two diesel SUV models in the works, and even Mazda is adding a diesel SUV.
GM and Ford sell large diesel engines in heavy-duty pick-up trucks widely used in construction, oil drilling and on farms and ranches in the United States, but American consumers have been skittish about buying diesel models for daily use because they cost more and the fuel is more expensive.
Stephanie Brinley, an analyst with IHS Automotive said selling diesel to American consumers was difficult even before the Volkswagen scandal made headlines.
"There just isn't a lot of demand," she said.
VW has had to pay more than \$20 billion in fines and buybacks since it admitted in 2015 to

outfitting 11 million diesel cars worldwide with software designed to cheat emissions testing, a scandal that has shook the company to its core.
Fiat Chrysler also now faces potentially heavy fines because of similar concerns over the diesel Jeep utility vehicles and Ram pickup trucks.
But Joseph Phillippi, owner of AutoTrends Consulting, said the new diesel-powered vehicles will find buyers looking for power and better miles per gallon.
"I don't see any reason why diesel can't mount a comeback of sorts," he told AFP. "Diesel fans looking for torque and mpg, not overly concerned about prior sins, will still want what diesel can offer."
Ford is preparing to offer a 3.0-liter diesel engine as an option in the popular F-150 pickup truck when the 2018 version rolls out next fall.
Todd Eckert, marketing manager for the F-150, said the automaker has a long-history of innovation with this vehicle.

Peugeot buys India's Ambassador car brand for \$12m

AFP, New Delhi
India's Hindustan Motors has sold its Ambassador car to France's Peugeot for just \$12 million, capping a spectacular downfall for a vehicle once emblematic of the country's political class.
The CK Birla group, the owner of Hindustan Motors, has sold the car brand for 800 million rupees to the French auto makers, a company spokesman confirmed to AFP on Sunday.
Hindustan Motors, India's oldest car maker, stopped production of the Ambassador in 2014 citing debt and lack of demand for the vehicle which was designed on Britain's long-defunct Morris Oxford.

"We have sold it for just 800 million rupees but we had already stopped production at the plant nearly three years back. The plant has been closed since," the official said.
Last month, the Birla group had signed a separate agreement with Peugeot to set up two joint ventures with production capacity initially estimated at 100,000 vehicles per year by 2020.
The PSA Group, which makes Peugeot and Citroen cars, said at the time it had not yet decided which model it will build in India. The curvy Ambassador once ruled India's roads and for years was the only car driven by politicians and senior government officials.

IMF's Lagarde 'optimistic' about US economy

AFP, Dubai
International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde on Sunday voiced optimism for US economic growth under President Donald Trump but warned it could herald trouble for the rest of the world.
"From the little we know, and I will insist on the little we know, because this is really work in progress... but from the little we hear, we have reasons to be optimistic about economic growth in the United States," Lagarde said at the annual World Government Summit in Dubai.
Lagarde predicted tax reform and more investment in infrastructure were both likely under Trump, whose Thursday teaser of fresh tax cut proposals pushed Wall Street stocks to new records.

The Dow, Nasdaq and S&P 500 all closed up 0.6 percent Thursday after the new US president promised a "phenomenal" tax cut plan would be unveiled within two or three weeks. Yet the IMF chief did not mince words in raising concern over the global repercussions of a boon in the US economy.
"Now that's the good news," said Lagarde. "The more worrying news, if you will, is that it will have consequences on the rest of the world, and we are seeing it."
She highlighted the strength of the dollar against other currencies, predicting a hike in interest rates regulated by the Federal Reserve.
The IMF in January raised the US growth estimate a tenth of a point this year to 2.3 percent, and four-tenths of a point to 2.5 percent for 2018.



Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro; Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Channel i, and Syed Tanzim Rezwan, spokesperson of Dettol Bangladesh, attend the launch of Dettol-Channel i Porichchhanna Bangladesh campaign, an event to create awareness on hygiene, at Westin Hotel in Dhaka on February 9.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Name of the Executing Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Siddhirganj 335 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project
4	Expressions of Interest (EOI) for	Selection of "Individual Consultant" [Financial Consultant] for 6 man-month for consultancy services to prepare '10 Years Business Plan' of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
5	EOI Ref. No.	27.27.6758.301.34.034.17.404
6	Date	12/02/2017
7	Procurement Method	"Selection of Individual Consultant" of World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011.
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Development & World Bank/IDA (IDA Credit No. 4508-BD & 5737-BD)
9	Development Partners	World Bank/IDA
10	Project Name	Siddhirganj 335 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11	Qualification and Experience of Consultants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A qualified professional with Master degree in Finance, Accounting or relevant field. Candidates with CA, ACCA, CPA, CFA, CMA, CIMA shall get preference. The Consultant may require support of a technical expert having knowledge in power generation business. Candidate must have at least 5 years overall experience with post qualification experience specially in Financial modeling and Business planning. Experience in preparation of Business review/model/plan for at least one organization. Technical knowledge on tariff rationalization, investment in power generation, regulatory structure, efficiency factors, and sectoral policy is a must. Experience in preparing business plan/model in power sector will get preference. Ability to conduct a feasibility analysis to assess business alternatives considering market potential and resource availability. Excellent consulting, verbal and written communication skills, strong analytical and quantitative skills and participatory management Relevant experience in Local/ Multinational/ Government/Private Organization.
12	Document Availability	Interested applicants may collect Terms of Reference (TOR) document from the office of the undersigned. TOR will also be available in the EGCB website (www.egcb.com.bd) in PDF format
13	EOI Closing Date and Time	Expression of Interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person or by mail or by Email) within 05/03/2017 (Office hour): Company Secretary, Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd., Unique Heights (Level-15); 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1217, Email: kazi.nazrul@egcb.com.bd
14	Other Details	<p>1. Expression of Interest shall contain:</p> <p>(a) CV detailing specific experience. (b) Copies of educational certificates. (c) Documentary evidence in support of experience. (d) Contact detail of the employer for verifying the experience. (e) Work Methodology (f) Monthly remuneration and other costs in BDT (will be fixed by negotiation). (g) At least two (2) current references including telephone number and email address that relate to the experience mentioned in the CV.</p> <p>2. The shortlisting criteria are:</p> <p>(a) Experience. (b) Educational, professional and other relevant qualifications. (c) Work Methodology</p> <p>3. The interested applicant may obtain further information from the undersigned during the working hours.</p>
15	The competent authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all EOIs or annul the procurement process without assigning reasons thereof.	

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e-Tender Notice-CE/APP/XEN-9/2016-17/01

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents of following packages from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 27-02-2017 at 16.00.

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
1	RF14021-IIF	Development of Lalkhanbazar Bagghona Bylane at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84728	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 14.00
2	BC14001-NIF	Construction of Motijhama Culvert at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84729	27-02-2017 17:00	28-02-2017 14.00
3	RF14015-IIF	Development of Shamsi Colony Road at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84731	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 14.00
4	RF14020-IIP(2)	Development of Chanmari Road with Drain Part-2 at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84730	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 14.00
5	RF14014-IIF	Development of Hillside Residential Area at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84732	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 14.00
6	RR14016-IIF	Development of Chanmari Road Bylane & Culvert at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84733	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 14.00
7	DR14001-NIF	Development of Highway Society, Shatkaniya Colony Drain at 14 No. Lalkhanbazar Ward	84734	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 14.00
8	RR15008-IIF	Development of Shahid Mirja Road at 15 No. Baghmonirum Ward	84735	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
9	RR15010-IIF	Development of Dampara 1 No. Goli Road at 15 No. Baghmonirum Ward	84737	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
10	RR15004-IIF	Development of Mohammad Ali Road Bylane at 15 No. Baghmonirum Ward	84738	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 13.00
11	RR15009-IIF	Development of Kajir Dewri 2 No. Goli Bylane at 15 No. Baghmonirum Ward	84739	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 13.00
12	RR15007-IIF	Development of Abdul Halim Road at 15 No. Baghmonirum Ward	84740	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 13.00
13	RR15006-IIF	Development of Battery Goli Bylane at 15 No. Bagmoniram Ward	84741	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 13.00
14	RR15005-IIF	Development of Kajir Dewri 2 No. Goli Road at 15 No. Bagmoniram Ward	84742	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 13.00
15	RR20014-IIF	Development of Rumghata Mosque Bylane with Drain at 20 No. Dewanbazar Ward	84743	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
16	RR20015-IIF	Development of Boluar Dighi East Side Ex Commissioner Bari Road with Drain at 20 No. Dewanbazar Ward	84744	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
17	RR20013-IIF	Development of Fateh Ali Matbor Road with Drain at 20 No. Dewanbazar Ward	84745	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
18	RR21004-IIF	Development of Kajbari Rupali Bank Adjacent Bylane at 21 No. Jamalkhan Ward	84746	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
19	RR21003-IIF	Development of Jamalkhan Hemshen Lane Adjacent Goli with Level Raising at 21 No. Jamalkhan Ward	84747	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
20	RR22004-IIF	Development of Nandankanan Harish Dutta Lane at 22 No. Enayetbazar Ward	84748	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00
21	RR22003-IIF	Development of Gowlapara Road Jublee Road to Abdur Rouf Colony Ward Office to Batali Road Gowl Para to Abdur Rouf Colony Road at 22 No. Enayetbazar Ward	84749	27-02-2017 17.00	28-02-2017 15.00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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