



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



BE BOLD FOR CHANGE

"Ask for what you want and be prepared to get it," said Maya Angelou, the famous civil rights activist and poet. Her statement gives us an idea of why we need to Be Bold for Change - this year's theme for International Women's Day celebrated on the 8th of March. What is it the girls and women of Bangladesh are asking for and where is our boldness required for change?

CHANGE 1 - Invest in girls

According to UNFPA's *Demographic Impact Study* (2015), Bangladesh's already very large population will further grow and reach 170 million by 2021, with adolescents accounting for more than 20% of the population. A key challenge for Bangladesh is to address gender norms and practices that violate adolescent girl's rights, promote violence against them, restrict their economic opportunities and harm their health and wellbeing. Studies, including the one conducted by ICDDR,B, have shown that violence will become a 'norm' and continue



to be accepted and condoned in a society, unless violent acts are questioned and dismissed from a very early age. A core issue in this regard is the lack of opportunities for adolescent boys and girls to develop skills needed to form respectful relationships and be civic-minded in their behaviours, skills which are essential both in their private social relationships and later at the workplace.

Deliberate and targeted action is needed to provide life skills education, including sexual and reproductive health education to adolescent boys and girls - so that values of respect, tolerance and understanding are imparted in them at the right age.

Investing in adolescents, especially girls, is essential if Bangladesh is to reap a dividend from the current demographic window of opportunity arising from the large adolescent population and overall reduction of the dependency ratio. These investments should be made particularly in their education, health and life skills

development, which will also contribute to increasing their future employability. UNFPA works with partners to introduce gender-sensitive modules and life-skills education into formal and non-formal education, so that adolescent boys and girls grow into non-violent, healthy and well-informed adults.

CHANGE 2 - End child marriage and keep girls in schools

The Bangladesh Parliament recently passed a revised Child Marriage Restraint Act which, while maintaining the legal age of marriage for girls at 18 and boys at 21, allows for marriage at a younger age under "the special circumstances". UNFPA, along with many other development partners and civil society organizations, remains concerned about this exception clause and its potential negative impact on children's wellbeing, especially girls. UNFPA will fully support the Government to draft the Rules to implement the revised act, to minimize harm to girls and boys, and also develop a national plan of action to end child marriage.

Today, the rates of child marriage among Bangladeshi girls are still among the highest in the world, fueled by poverty, parental desire to protect girls from harm and sexual harassment and certain traditional practices. With 59% of women aged 20-24 married before the age of 18 years (BDHS 2014), child marriage robs the adolescent girl of her childhood, limits her educational and income-generating opportunities and exposure to social networks and support. Young brides often become young mothers at the expense of her education, her health and the health and well-being of her children. The high rates of adolescent fertility in Bangladesh combined with the consequences of early and multiple pregnancies highlights the urgent need to keep girls in school, provide them with life-skills education and delay the age of marriage and child bearing through increased access to and demand for adequate family planning and sexual and reproductive health information and services.

There is a need to transform negative attitudes regarding pulling girls out of schools, accepting child marriage, forcing young brides to prove their fertility immediately after early marriage, and condoning domestic violence. These attitudinal changes have to be triggered at the community level and especially



status of women in the society is kept low, and chances for families, especially the poor, to raise their income are underutilized. Reasons for the low female labour force participation are most often traced back to traditional attitudes to women's employment, poor working conditions, sexual harassment and discriminatory wages.

Increasing the female labour force participation necessitates the development of women's marketable skills and an improvement in working conditions and environments, including adopting and implementing specific legislation to protect women from sexual harassment at the workplace. UNFPA is currently partnering with the Ministry of Labour and Employment to work towards providing women with access to sexual and reproductive health information and services and preventing and responding to gender-based violence at the workplace, especially in the ready-made garment sector, one of the big employers for women in the country.

Violence against women, as a major concern for girls and women in Bangladesh, affects all areas of life. The 2015 Violence Against Women Survey conducted by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics with UNFPA support, shows that 73% of ever-married women experienced a form of violence by their husband. This included physical, sexual and emotional violence. Other studies have shown that girls are sexually harassed in public space, including in schools and universities.

Overcoming the scourge of gender based violence requires the adoption of legislation that criminalizes all

forms of violence against women and girls. Moreover there need to be assurances that the perpetrators are prosecuted and adequately punished and that the victims have access to immediate protection, treatment and rehabilitation, and means of redress, including compensation, as reiterated by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in their November 2016 report.

Changes need to take place at all levels of society. Several international conventions and bodies, such as the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and CEDAW, are monitoring women's empowerment and gender equality and have made suggestions to the Government of Bangladesh on improvements that need to take place, in order for the SDGs as well as national development goals to be achieved. These include: to change differing definitions of a girl child and boy child, which is especially relevant with regard to the age of marriage, address the lack of jurisdiction of special



tribunals for violence against women, criminalize sexual harassment of women and girls in the workplace and in schools and ensure reliable data on gender-based violence is available. Moreover the importance of women's economic empowerment is highlighted as a crucial component for the overall socio-economic development of the country. Access to decent, good-quality paid work is the most important factor in economic empowerment, along with the elimination of violence against women.

On a more societal level, gender-inequitable stereotypes and harmful practices need to be changed, especially by working with young people and those who have influence over them. Priority, at this time, needs to be given to marginalized girls and women. Combating violence against women and girls, including the elimination of harmful practices, such as child marriage, is a key so that girls and women, who make half of the population, play a powerful, valuable and bold part in society and economy.

Construction Supervision Consultant-1

Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project
Service Area-3, Project Office, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur

Invitation for Tender (Amendment)

1. Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority.
3. Procuring entity name	Chief Coordinator, Construction Supervision Consultant-1, Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project.
4. Invitation for	Tender Goods
5. Invitation Ref. No.	Memo No. 609/Project/4/Padma
6. Date	07 February 2017.

KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement Method	OTM.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (GOB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project/program code	-
10. Project/program name	Construction Supervision Consultant-1.
11. Tender publication date	12-02-2017.
12. Tender last selling date	19-03-2017.
13. Tender closing date and time	Date: 20-03-2017 Time: Up to 1200 hrs
14. Tender opening date	20-03-2017 1230 hrs
15. Name and address of the office	Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur.
16. Selling tender document	Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur.
17. Name & address of the office	Major Md. Zahidul Islam, Coordinator, CSC-1, PMBP, Project Office, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
18. Opening tender document	CSC-1, PMBP, Project Office, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

19. Eligibility of tenderer	The bidders should have valid trade licence, manufacturer authorisation letter, current bank solvency certificate, income tax certificate, VAT registration certificate and the legal capacity to enter the contract. The bidders should have qualified technical staffs and equipment and are not blacklisted by any govt. organisation in Bangladesh. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application on their own pad to the address below:
20. Brief description of goods or works	Supply of 02x2BK Barge, 01xMotor Tug & 02xPonton.
21. Tender documents price and type of payment	Tk 8000.00 only in cash payment for Lot No. 1. Tk 5000.00 only in cash payment for Lot No. 2. Tk 3000.00 only in cash payment for Lot No. 3.
22. Tender validity	60 days.
23. Lot No. Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time	Multiple Lot No. 1: 1xMotor Tug CSC-1, PMBP, Project Office, Service Area-3, Kutubpur, Shibchar, Madaripur Lot No. 1: 43.00 10 months Lot No. 2: 2x2BK Barge Lot No. 2: 26.00 08 months Lot No. 3: 2xPontoon Lot No. 3: 5.00 06 months

Special instructions:

- Tender schedule purchase money receipt (original) should be attached with the dropping tender.
- General information regarding the bidding will be available at the Project Office.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender prior of acceptance.

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বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ

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স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকার নিলামে বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ, ৯/ডি- মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এর খেলাপী গ্রাহকগণের আমানতকৃত মোট ১৬২৮ ডির ১৫ আনা (কমবেশি) স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকার (পাথর/আখরবিহীন) কয়ে আখরহী লাইসেন্সধারী প্রকৃত স্বর্ণ ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট হতে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্ত মোতাবেক সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে :

ক. স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকারের সাথে পাথর, পুতি, টারসেল, মিনা, গালা, খাদ ইত্যাদিসহ স্বর্ণের পরিমাণ উল্লেখ করা আছে।

খ. মহাব্যবস্থাপক, বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ, ৯/ডি- মতিঝিল, ঢাকা অফিস থেকে ১০-০৪-২০১৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত যে কোন কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় দরপত্র দাখিলের নিখারিত ফরম নম্বর ১০০০/(এক হাজার) টাকা মূল্যে (অফিসের মাধ্যমে) ক্রয় করা যাবে। ফরম ক্রয়কালে ব্যবসায়ের হালনাগাদ মুদ্রা লাইসেন্স প্রদর্শন এবং উল্লেখিত লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি দাখিল করতে হবে।

গ. স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকার এর শুদ্ধতা যাচাইয়ের জন্য দরপত্র কয়ে ইচ্ছুকগণ ১১-০৪-২০১৭ তারিখ সকাল ১১.০০ ঘটিকার এতদসংক্রান্ত বিধানে গঠিত কমিটির সম্মুখে রক্ষিত স্বর্ণের শুদ্ধতা যাচাই করতে পারবেন।

ঘ. স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকার শুদ্ধতা যাচাইয়ের পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে ক্রয়ের জন্য স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকারের দর (প্রতি ডিরর জন্য টাকা) এবং ক্রয়ের জন্য প্রস্তাবিত মোট টাকার পরিমাণ উল্লেখ সমেত বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ কর্তৃক সরবরাহকৃত ফরম পূরণ করে উক্ত দরে মোট ক্রয় মূল্যের ১.৫% (শতকরা দেড় ভাগ) টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার "বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ"-এর অনুকূলে জামানত বাবদ উল্লেখিত ফরমের সঙ্গে বন্ধ খায়ে ১২-০৪-২০১৭ তারিখ দুপুর ৩.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে মহাব্যবস্থাপক, বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ, ৯/ডি-মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এর কার্যালয়ে ৩য় তলায় রক্ষিত টেবিলে দাখিল করতে হবে। একই দিনে উপস্থিত দরপত্র দাখিলকারিগণের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) অপরাহ্ন ৩.৩০ ঘটিকার উক্ত দরপত্রগুলো খোলা হবে।

ঙ. প্রাপ্ত সর্বোচ্চ দর বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ এর নিকট গ্রহণযোগ্য না হলে সব দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য করা হবে এবং দরপত্রের সাথে জামানত বাবদ প্রাপ্ত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার যথাসময়ে ফেরত প্রদান করা হবে।

চ. দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার নোটিশের ৩(তিন) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে উক্ত মূল্যের স্বর্ণ পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ-কে পরিশোধ করতে হবে। বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ এর হিসাবে উক্ত স্বর্ণ জমা হওয়ার ৩(তিন) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ, ৯/ডি-মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এর অফিস থেকে ক্রীত স্বর্ণ/স্বর্ণালংকার বুঝে নিতে হবে, অন্যথায় দরপত্রের সঙ্গে দাখিলকৃত জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত ও ক্রয় প্রস্তাব বাতিল বলে বিবেচিত হবে। উক্ত মূল্য পরিশোধের জন্য সময় বৃদ্ধির কোন আবেদন বিবেচনা করা হবে না।

ছ. দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার নোটিশের ৩(তিন) কার্য দিবসের মধ্যে সরকারি নিয়ম অনুযায়ী উক্ত মূল্যের অর্ধের ৪% হারে জাট ও ৫% হারে আরকর পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে "বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ" এর অনুকূলে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।

জ. বাংলাদেশ সমবায় ব্যাংক লিঃ এর কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

(নিতাই পদ দাস)
মহাব্যবস্থাপক
ফোনঃ ৯৫৬৬৬৬০০

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation

BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong

Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
4. Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
5. Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 500 KVA Diesel Engine Driven Generator on Turn-Key basis at Mongla Oil Installation, Mongla, Bagerhat.
6. Invitation Ref No.	BPC:(MO)42.29/10, Date:
7. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National Competitive Tendering), Single stage one envelop system.
8. Budget & source of fund	BPC, POCL, MPL & JOCL (own fund).
9. Project name	Construction of Mongla Oil Installation, Mongla, Bagerhat.
10. Tender package No.	BPC:(MO):WR-4(Generator)
11. Tender publishing date	8-9 March, 2017.
12. Tender last selling date & time	13.04.2017.
13. Tender closing date & time	17.04.2017 at 15:00 hrs.
14. Tender opening date & time	17.04.2017 at 15:30 hrs.
15. Name & address of the office	Cashier, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong.
Selling tender document (principal)	Padma Oil Company Limited, 4, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong.
Selling tender document (others)	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58/59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Chittagong C/A, Dhaka.
Receiving tender documents	Project Director, MOI, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong.
Opening	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong.
Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A
16. Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer shall have the following experiences: (i) The tenderer shall have a minimum 05 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (ii) The tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum 01 (one) contract of supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 250 KVA Generator Set or Sub-Station of 250 KVA worth of Tk 45 lac and related services within last 05 (five) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. For qualification criteria on BC electrical contractor & BC grade fulltime supervisor is a must for undertaking the tender. * Others qualification as specified in tender document.
17. Brief description of goods and works	Successful tenderer will undertake 1) Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 500 KVA Diesel Engine Driven Generator with accessories.
18. Brief description of related services	N/A
19. Price of tender document	BDT 3,000.00 (Taka three thousand only).
20. Identification of lot	Complete work.
21. Lot No.	Single.
22. Location	Plot No. 21, Mongla Port Industrial Area, Mongla Oil Installation (BPC Project), Mongla, Bagerhat.
23. Tender security amount	BDT 2,25,000.00 (Taka two lac twenty-five thousand) only in favour of Project Director, Mongla Oil Installation, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
24. Completion time	03 (three) months from the effective date of contract signing.
25. Association of foreign firm is	N/A.
26. Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Md. Mosaddeque Hossain.
27. Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
28. Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong.
29. Contact details of official inviting tender:	Mob 01777703334, Fax: 880-31-618312, 612668, e-mail: mosadbcpc@gmail.com
30. (a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. (b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. (c) This tender notice will also be available at Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) website: www.bpc.gov.bd, CPTU website: www.cptu.gov.bd & Padma Oil Company Limited website: www.pocl.bd.com	

Engr. Md. Mosaddeque Hossain
Project Manager
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