



JOHNNY ROCKETS

Marcia Bernicat, US ambassador to Bangladesh, opens the flagship outlet of Johnny Rockets—a US-based burger chain—at Uttara in Dhaka yesterday. Fred Joosten, chief operating officer of Johnny Rockets for Bangladesh franchise, was also present.

Major internet providers say will not sell customer browsing histories

REUTERS, Washington

Comcast Corp, Verizon Communications Inc and AT&T Inc said Friday they would not sell customers' individual internet browsing information, days after the US Congress approved legislation reversing Obama administration era internet privacy rules.

The bill would repeal regulations adopted in October by the Federal Communications Commission under former President Barack Obama requiring internet service providers to do more to protect customers' privacy than websites like Alphabet Inc's Google or Facebook Inc.

The easing of restrictions has sparked growing anger on social media sites.

"We do not sell our broadband customers' individual web browsing history. We did not do it before the FCC's rules were adopted, and we have no plans to do so," said Gerard Lewis, Comcast's chief privacy officer.

He added Comcast is revising its privacy policy to make more clear that "we do not sell our customers' individual web browsing information to third parties." Verizon does not sell personal web browsing histories and has no plans to do so in the future, said spokesman Richard Young.

Verizon privacy officer Karen Zacharia said in a blog post Friday the company has two programs that use customer browsing data. One allows marketers to access "de-

identified information to determine which customers fit into groups that advertisers are trying to reach" while the other "provides aggregate insights that might be useful for advertisers and other businesses."

Republicans in Congress Tuesday narrowly passed the repeal of the rules with no Democratic support and over the objections of privacy advocates.

The vote was a win for internet providers such as AT&T Inc, Comcast and Verizon. Websites are governed by a less restrictive set of privacy rules. The White House said Wednesday that President Donald Trump plans to sign the repeal of the rules, which had not taken effect.

Under the rules, internet providers would have needed to obtain consumer consent before using precise geolocation, financial information, health information, children's information and web browsing history for advertising and marketing. Websites do not need the same affirmative consent.

Some in Congress suggested providers would begin selling personal data to the highest bidder, while others vowed to raise money to buy browsing histories of Republicans.

AT&T says in its privacy statement it "will not sell your personal information to anyone, for any purpose. Period." In a blog post Friday, AT&T said it would not change those policies after Trump signs the repeal.

India's Reliance Jio signs up 72m paying customers

REUTERS

India's Reliance Jio, the telecom unit of Reliance Industries, said on Friday it had signed up 72 million paying customers under its Prime plan, and added it had extended the enrolment deadline for the plan until April 15.

Jio's Prime plan is a critical component of the company's push to start charging its customers after starting operations in September with free data and calls.

Under the plan, Jio will charge those who enrol 303 rupees (\$4.67) per month for unlimited data and free voice services for a year starting on Saturday, although usage of 4G data would be capped at 1 gigabyte per day.

Jio had set an enrolment deadline of Friday, which has now been extended until mid-April.

The company also sweetened its offering by saying those paid the monthly fee of 303 rupees by April 15 would receive free services for three months.

Jio has upended India's telecom sector since its entry, forcing rivals Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Group Plc's Indian unit into lowering their prices, thus eroding profits across the sector.

Both providers have also tried to match Jio's Prime plan with extra data offers.

Jio has also transformed the sector by forcing consolidation, with Vodafone and smaller rival Ideal Cellular this month announcing a merger, while Bharti is absorbing Telenor's Indian unit.

China manufacturing grows modestly in March

AFP, Beijing

China's manufacturing activity expanded slightly in March, independent figures showed Saturday, suggesting steady but slowing growth in the world's second-largest economy. The figures compare with an official reading Friday hinting that a years-long growth slowdown in China may be easing, though concerns remain about the outlook for world trade in light of US President Donald Trump's protectionist policies.

Investors closely watch the private Caixin Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) -- an indicator of conditions at small manufacturers -- as a sign of the country's economic health each month.

The figure came in at 51.2 for March, down from 51.7 in February but still among the highest seen over the past four years. A PMI figure above 50 marks growth while anything below points to contraction.

The Chinese financial magazine said the one-year outlook for growth remained strong and jobs were cut at a marginal pace.

However, it added that more manufacturers showed cautionary attitudes toward inventories and new export sales increased at their weakest pace in three months.

"Overall, the Chinese manufacturing economy continued to improve, but signs of a weakening have started to emerge ahead of the second quarter," Caixin analyst Zhong Zhengsheng said in a joint statement with data compiler IHS Markit. "Downward pressure may further increase."

On Friday, official figures focusing on larger factories and mines came in at 51.8, slightly beating the 51.7 forecast in a Bloomberg News survey and up from the previous month's 51.6.

Beijing has said it wants to reorient the economy away from debt-fueled investment towards a consumer-driven model, but the transition has proved bumpy, leading to the slower growth readings in recent years.

A vital engine of global growth, China's economy expanded 6.7 percent for all of last year, the slowest rate in a quarter of a century.

Premier Li Keqiang warned last month the economy faced severe challenges, signalling a further deceleration as he announced a trimmed 2017 GDP growth target of "around 6.5 percent."

There is also uncertainty about the future owing to Trump's promises to revise global trade deals and his past accusations of China being a currency manipulator.

Chinese President Xi Jinping is pencilled in to meet Trump in Florida next week, when trade and economic issues are expected to dominate the agenda.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) (International Competitive Bidding)

| Sl No. | Items | Descriptions |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Ministry/division | : Ministry of Railways. |
| 2 | Agency | : Bangladesh Railway. |
| 3 | Procuring entity name | : Joint Director General (Engineering), Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka & Project Director. |
| 4 | Procuring entity code | : Not used at present. |
| 5 | Procuring entity district | : Dhaka |
| 6 | Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of | : Feasibility Study with detail Design and Preparation of tender document for Construction of Rail Line from Bhanga Junction (Faridpur) to Payra Port via Barisal (Approximate 190KM). |
| 7 | EOI reference No. | : 54.01.2600.011.14.016.16 |
| 8 | Date | : 29.03.2017 |

KEY INFORMATION

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| 9 | Procurement method | : QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection). |
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FUNDING INFORMATION

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| 10 | Budget and source of funds | : Development Budget & GOB. |
| 11 | Development partner (if applicable) | : None |

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

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| 12 | Project/programme code (if applicable) | : 5-5131-5033 |
| 13 | Project/programme name (if applicable) | : Feasibility Study with detail Design and Preparation of tender document for Construction of Rail Line from Bhanga Junction (Faridpur) to Payra Port via Barisal (Approximate 190KM). |
| 14 | EOI closing date and time | : 30.05.2017 at 12.30 hours. |

Information for Applicant:

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| a) | Scope of Project work in brief: |
| | <p>i) Feasibility Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend the best suitable alignment for the project including location of station detail. Conduct feasibility for the construction of a broad gauge railway link between Bhanga and Payra Port via Barisal. Assess the economic and financial viability of the project. Prepare Initial Environment Examination Report, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Management Plan & Environmental Monitoring Plan etc. Prepare Social Impact Assessment, Land Acquisition Plan and Resettlement Plan. Prepare detailed cost estimate based on the detailed engineering design. Recommend the requirement of manpower for different departments (Civil, Mechanical, Signal, Traffic, Medical, RNB etc.) of BR to maintain and operate the railway line and services. Prepare Terms of Reference for construction supervision consultancy services. Review of all available relevant reports, documents and studies especially the reports related to Payra Port prepared under Ministry of Shipping. Consult with relevant officials of Payra Port, Roads and Highways Department, Bangladesh Water Development Board, Local Government Engineering Department, Bangladesh Soil Research Institute, Bangladesh Geo-morphological Institute or any other relevant departments and organisations as and when necessary. Conduct detail soil investigation along the alignment. Identify the various technical solution for rail link construction involving track and bridges including signaling facilities such as stations, yard sidings, maintenance sheds etc. with the view of identifying the list cost solution. Recommendation for numbers and types of rolling stocks to be procured. Prepare specification of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials to be used for construction of railway, station buildings, office and residential buildings etc. Signaling & Telecommunication System. Conduct detail traffic survey and collect both primary and secondary data to find out actual demand of transportation facilities. Analyze the existing traffic of various modes of transports. Forecast future traffic (Both Passenger & Goods) duly considering the impact of Payra Port and other development activities of the government and private entities. Find out what portion of the future traffic Bangladesh Railway can attract. Develop an operational concept plan for the proposed railway. Conduct detail Sub-soil investigation along the alignment. Conduct detail Topographic survey using latest technology and equipment's (e.g. RTK-GPS, DGPS, and Total Station etc.). Conduct detailed engineering survey (Aerial survey) and other necessary investigation. The consultant will closely coordinate with the survey (hydrographic survey) activities of IWM (Institute of Water Modeling, Bangladesh) and provide suggestions that will be helpful for the project. Prepare a Land Acquisition Plan (LAP) with cost that is acceptable to the Government in compliance with the Requisition of Immovable Property Ordinance (1982) of Bangladesh and relevant laws and regulations related to land acquisition and resettlement. Collect CS, RS (Mouza) Maps & other documents and scan & digitize those maps, transfer them to an electronic database and submit to the project authority on tracing cloth duly traced showing the rail route plotted in it and minimum amount of land to be acquired. Submission of a Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (RP) for PAPs. The Acquisition of land should be in such way so that provision of doubling of track can be done in future. The cost of land acquisition and Resettlement Plan (RP) has to be included in the cost estimate. Prepare detail cost estimates for the proposed project, showing foreign exchange, local currency, tax and duty elements etc. Cost estimates will be conducted keeping in view of the international trends in price fluctuation and exchange rates, international shipping rates and steel prices, which are undergoing rapid changes. <p>ii) Detail Engineering Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare detail engineering design and drawings of all infrastructures. Detail design of all the structures. This will include design of embankment, railway track, bridge, underpass/overpass/viaduct (if necessary), stations and yards, foot over bridge, water supply system, signaling and telecom, facilities for rolling stocks (carriages, locomotive, BFCT etc.), residential & functional buildings, other facilities and electrical design of station building and other infrastructures. Dynamic analysis of the main bridges, viaducts & other structures should be performed where applicable according to the international best practices where necessary. Stability of all the structures should also be checked against earthquake & wind loads where applicable according to the international best practices. |

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| iii) | Preparation of Bid Documents | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare bills of quantities (BOQ) of all designed components based on detailed cost estimate. Bill of quantities and tender base prices would be fixed accordingly. Preparation of FIDIC based bid documents following international competitive bid (ICB) procedure incorporating the recommendation of Environmental Mitigation Plan (EMP) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA). | |
| iv) | Project Preparation | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a Development Project Proposal (DPP) based on the feasibility study report. | |
| v) | Workshop/Seminar | |
| | The Consulting firm will arrange at least six (6) workshops/seminars in the entire contract period. The consulting firm will fix the date of arranging workshops/seminars after consultation with the Executing Agency. | |
| vi) | Additional Specific Scope of Works: | |
| | In addition to the general services to be rendered under the TOR for feasibility study and detail designs following specific scopes of work are to be added- Assist the executing agency to (i) prepare a Land Acquisition proposal and Environmental Clearance proposal ready to be submitted to the approving authority, (ii) prepare RP and EMP implementation schedule, (iii) knowledge transfer to executing agency personnel for managing and monitoring RP, IPP, EMP and EMOp. The consulting firm will modify/change any documents/drawings prepared by them free of charge if documents/drawings are required to do so during the implementation period of the project, even though contract between the consulting firm/firms and executing agency is concluded. | |
| 15.1 | Following works will be required to be carried out by the engineering consulting firm. The assignment will include but not limited to the followings: | |
| | <p>i. Review of all available relevant reports, materials, documents and studies;</p> <p>ii. Oversee/monitor the task of detail Topographic Survey, Hydrological and Morphological Study using Mathematical model for Proposed Rail Line Construction from Bhanga Junction (Faridpur) to Payra Port via Barisal to be engaged by Bangladesh Railway Authority.</p> <p>iii. Detail responsibilities of the Consultant will be stated in the TOR.</p> | |
| 16 | Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required: | |
| | The Consulting firm(s) shall be eligible to participate and shall have the following experience and resources but not limited to: | |
| | <p>a) The Consulting firm shall have working experience(s) comprising of conducting similar survey work, investigation & Engineering design.</p> <p>b) The Consulting firm shall have adequate number of human resources with experiences relevant to the assignment such as Transport Planner, Structural Engineer, Civil/Roadway Engineer, Transport Economist, Hydrologist, Foundation/Geotechnical Engineer, Survey Engineer, Architect, Environmental Specialist, Resettlement Specialist, CAD Expert having National/International experience.</p> <p>c) The Consulting firm shall have adequate Physical Resources such as office, sufficient No. of vehicles, working equipment, IT facility, Survey equipment, logistical support along with adequate financial capability such as turnover, liquid asset etc. The above-mentioned resources are indicative but not limited to.</p> <p>d) The Joint Director General (Engineering) & Project Director, Bangladesh Railway now invites eligible consulting firm(s) to indicate their interest in providing the aforesaid consultancy services along with information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (Brochures, company's incorporation certificate, Trade license, VAT registration certificate, IT certificate, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professionals, qualification and experiences of staff suitable and sufficient office space, financial and managerial capabilities etc.).</p> | |
| e) | The Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be evaluated on the basis of the following to prepare a short list of: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age of the firm in respect of registration (Minimum 10 years) & firm's registration certificate should be included. Brochure(s) containing firm's available facilities, areas of professional/expertise/specialization for the assignment. Description of similar assignments, Survey, design and supervision for construction of Railway Track, Bridges including overpass/underpass (if any) with documentary evidence. Experience in similar operating conditions. Availability of appropriate professionals, qualifications and experienced staffs and availability of adequate resources for the assignment. Financial and Managerial capacity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audited financial statement (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account and Cash Flow Statement) for last 5 (five) years; Annual Average Turnover in the last 5 (five) years; Adequate Liquid assets/working capital/credit facilities. <p>Interested Consulting firm may obtain further information at the address of official inviting EOI during normal office hours up to closing date & time for EOI. The intended applicant must submit necessary documentary evidences to demonstrate their experience of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions and so on. The applicant is also required to furnish their financial capability.</p> | |
| f) | The services for the assignment shall have to be delivered within 18 (eighteen) months from the effective date of signing the contract for. | |
| 17 | Other details: | |
| a) | The Consultants (Firm) shall be selected in accordance with PPA/2006 and PPR/2008 as enforced in Bangladesh. | |
| b) | Expression of Interests (EOI) shall be in closed format mentioning the name & address of the applicant, EOI No. and date and be addressed to the undersigned three sets [One original+Two Copy], 01 (one) marked as "Original" and other as "Copy" in separate sealed envelope in the form of book binding, both the "Original" and "Copy" shall have to cover in a single envelope. The applicant shall mention the Page No. serially and signed by authorized representatives in every page of the submitted EOI document. | |
| 18 | Association with foreign firm(s): | |
| | Association in the form of JVCA or Sub-consultancy among qualified firms will be allowed. The formation, operation and obligation of JVCA shall be governed by the Rules-54 of PPR, 2008 as enforced in Bangladesh. | |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | | |
| 19 | Name of the official inviting EOI | : D. N. Mazumder. |
| 20 | Designation of the official inviting EOI | : Joint Director General (Engineering) & Project Director, Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 408, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka. |
| 21 | Address of the official inviting EOI | : Office of the Director General, Engineering Department, Bangladesh Railway, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka. |
| 22 | Contact details of the official inviting EOI | : Tel: +88-02-9568975, Cell No: +8801711506120 e-mail: (i) jdge@railway.gov.bd (ii) dnmazumder8@gmail.com |
| 23 | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any EOI or reject all EOIs. | |

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