



Bank Asia Chairman A Rouf Chowdhury attends the bank's half-yearly business review meeting-2017 for Dhaka zone in the capital yesterday. Vice Chairmen Mohd Safwan Choudhury and AM Nurul Islam, Chairman of Board Audit Committee Md Mashiur Rahman, former chairman of Board Executive Committee Rumee A Hossain and Managing Director Md Arfan Ali were also present.

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China insurance regulator urges industry to show more self-discipline

REUTERS, Beijing

China's insurance regulator has urged the industry to show greater "self-discipline" and "serve the real economy", in a nod to the central government's focus on fighting financial risk.

In a speech published on the China Insurance Regulatory Commission's (CIRC) website on Saturday, vice-chairman Liang Tao said the insurance industry should "return to its origins" and work to "reduce tremors" in the economy and society.

The comments follow a turbulent few months in the insurance sector and a call last week from President Xi Jinping for the banking, insurance and securities regula-

tors to show more accountability.

In recent years, some insurers have taken sizable stakes in listed companies, often funded by issuing high-yield, short-term universal life insurance and other investment products.

The top CIRC job has been vacant since April, when former chairman Xiang Junbo was put under investigation for suspected "serious disciplinary violations," a phrase that usually refers to graft.

Earlier in April, the CIRC cautioned insurance firms to strengthen supervision of operations and investment activities and to correct market disorder.

Wu Xiaohui, the chairman of financial giant Anbang Insurance Group, was detained in June.

Pakistan central bank holds rates at 5.75pc

REUTERS, Karachi, Pakistan

Pakistan's central bank held its main policy interest rate steady at 5.75 percent on Saturday, the bank's new governor said, citing low inflation expectations and the gathering pace of economic activity.

Tariq Bajwa, who was appointed earlier this month, predicted consumer inflation to track around 4.5 to 5.5 percent for fiscal

year ending in June 2018.

"This projection is explained by lower than anticipated increase in international oil prices," Bajwa said in a press conference in the city of Karachi.

Pakistan's economy is heavily sensitive to global oil prices, partly as many of the country's energy plants use furnace oil to produce electricity, and low oil prices are seen helping maintain macroeconomic stability.

Ford to petition to avoid US recall of 2.5m vehicles

REUTERS, Washington

Ford Motor Co will petition to avoid a US recall of about 2.5 million vehicles with Takata air-bag inflators that the Japanese auto supplier declared defective last week, US regulators and the automaker said on Friday.

Separately, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Nissan Motor Co agreed to recall 515,394 2007-2011 Versa cars after Takata declared 2.7 million vehicles to have potentially defective inflators.

Ford spokesman John Cangany said the automaker will file a petition requesting "to continue testing and analysing our inflators." The

NHTSA said the petition will seek an exemption from the recall because Ford believes the issue is inconsequential.

Ford said the issue covers 2.5 million vehicles, including the 2007-11 Ranger, 2006-12 Fusion and Lincoln MKZ, 2006-11 Mercury Milan, and 2007-10 Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX. Ford previously said it covered about 2.2 million vehicles.

Last week, the NHTSA said that new testing prompted Takata to declare inflators defective in Ford, Nissan and Mazda Motor Corp vehicles in some driver-side air bags built from 2012 through 2015.

The NHTSA said in a statement on Friday that "testing data shows that the propellant in this inflator is degrading and on the path towards

potential ruptures in the future. There are no reported ruptures in the real-world or in testing."

Takata air bag inflators are already linked to 17 deaths and more than 180 injuries worldwide, and the recalls will eventually cover about 125 million inflators.

Nissan said last week it would recall 627,000 Versa cars from the 2007-12 model years, including 515,000 in the United States "out of an abundance of caution."

Nissan said testing of 895 inflators showed no ruptures, while one "exhibited an elevated internal pressure." Takata said the inflators potentially could rupture "after several years of exposure to high absolute humidity."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director (ACE, RHD)
SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II
Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway
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Date: 20 July 2017

Invitation for Bids

Project No. 40540-BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project, Phase 2.

ICB No. and Title: SASEC-II/ICB/MP-1/WP 05 (LOT 1) and SASEC-II/ICB/MP-1/WP 06 (LOT 2); SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway.

Deadline for Bid Submission: 06 September 2017 at 14:00 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time)

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied financing from the Asian Development Bank ("ADB") toward the cost of SASEC Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project, Phase 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contracts named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
2. The Roads and Highways Department (RHD), the Executing Agency under Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges (MRTB), invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway** including Structures with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides in 2 Lots.

Lot No, Description of the Works and Intended Completion Period

ICB No.: SASEC-II /ICB/MP-1/WP 05 (LOT 1)

Part-1: Improvement of road from Elenga to Bangabandhu Bridge (East Side) (13.60km) to a 4-Lane Highway along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Construction phase works-1095 days

and
Part-2: Performance Based Maintenance Works on Improved 4-Lane Highway along with SMVT Lane on both sides & Structures from Elenga to Bangabandhu Bridge (East Side) (13.60km). Completion Time for Maintenance Phase works-2190 days

ICB No.: SASEC-II /ICB/MP-1/WP 06 (LOT 2)

Part-1: Improvement of road from Bangabandhu Bridge (West Side) to Hatikamrul (19.80km) to a 4-Lane Highway along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Construction phase works-1095 days

and
Part-2: Performance Based Maintenance Works on Improved 4-Lane Highway along with SMVT Lane on both sides & Structures from Bangabandhu Bridge (West Side) to Hatikamrul (19.80km). Completion Time for Maintenance Phase works-2190 days

Bidders may bid for one or both Lots, as further defined in the Bidding Document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded for both Lots will be allowed to do so provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Price Bid.

3. **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's **Single-Stage: Two-Envelope** Bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB as described in the Bidding Documents.

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualification should participate in this bidding:

(i) The bidder shall have Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover of US\$ 50.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-1/WP 05 (LOT 1); and US\$ 52.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-1/WP 06 (LOT 2) Contract calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed within the last 05 (five) years.

(ii) Participated in at least One Contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last 10 (Ten) years and that is similar to the proposed highway standard road and structure works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds US\$ 54.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-1/WP 05 (LOT 1); and US\$ 57.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-1/WP 06 (LOT 2). The similarity of the Bidders' participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology or other characteristics as described in Section 6, Employer's Requirements. The complete eligibility and qualification requirements are stipulated in Section 3: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents during normal office hours (from 9:00am to 5:00pm) on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) up to 05 September 2017 at the address given below:

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Room No. 203, Block H, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh.
Telephone : 8802 - 8870100
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6. A complete set of Bidding Documents for **Each Lot** may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon payment of non-refundable fees of Tk. 10,000 or US\$ 125 and upon submission of a written application to the address above during normal office hours on all working days up to day before the submission deadline (i.e. 05 September 2017). The Bidding Document may also be sent via courier for an additional fee of Tk. 50,000 or US\$ 625 for overseas delivery only. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery of the Bidding Documents.

The method of payment will be either in Cash or in Pay Order/Demand Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of **Project Manager-3 (EE), RHD, SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II**.

7. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the office of the Chief Engineer's Conference Room, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh on 23 August 2017 at 10:30 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time).

8. **Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before the bid submission deadline i.e. 06 September 2017 at 14:00 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time).** All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount as stated in the Bidding Document (Bid Data Sheet). Late submission of Bids shall be rejected. The Technical Proposal of the Bids will be opened at the address above at 14:30 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 06 September 2017 in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend. The price proposal of responsive Bids will be opened in presence of the Bidder's authorized representative who choose to attend at the time, date and address to be advised by the Employer after approval of the Evaluation Report of the Technical Proposal by the Employer with no objection from ADB.

9. RHD will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

10. The Employer reserves all the rights to accept any Bid or to reject any or all Bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

11. The Invitation for Bids (IFB) is available in the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) websites at www.rhd.gov.bd, www.cptu.gov.bd and www.adb.org respectively and DG Market (www.dgmarket.com).

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Memo No. LGED/PD/HILIP/V-26/(Part-01)/2015/3219

Date: 19/07/2017

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Training on Computer Application

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant from IFAD's (International Fund for Agricultural Development) Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Program (ASAP) Trust Fund (ASAP Trust Grant No: G-COFIN-ASP-847A-BD) for the Haor Infrastructure and Livelihood Improvement Project (HILIP) including Climate Adaptation and Livelihood Protection (CALIP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to cover eligible payment under the contract for the provision of training on Computer Application.
2. The project has a budget allocation for undertaking training program on Computer Application for a total of about 30 batches of (30x20= 600) participants from 5 (Five) Haor districts namely Sunamganj, Habiganj, Kishoreganj, Brahmanbaria & Netrakona.
3. The objectives of the project are to improve the living standards and reduce poverty & vulnerability of the haor-poor by providing quality training.
4. In pursuance of the project objectives, experienced service providers (Training providing institutes/firms/NGOs) will be engaged to impart those trainings suitable to the project area.
5. The project now invites Expression of Interest (REOI) from the eligible service providers for preparing a short-list to provide the stipulated services. The eligible service providers within the context of this request for EOI, should be formally constituted and registered under the laws of the Government of Bangladesh, shall be deemed to have registration from the office of: (a) The Director General, Department of Social Welfare or, (b) The Director General, Department of Women Affairs, or (c) The Director General, NGO Affairs Bureau or (d) The Registrar, Joint Stock Company or (e) The Director General, Youth Development Department and shall have registered Head Office and several regional/local offices at District and/or Upazila levels spread over the country specially in the Haor regions and have own major training activities, be qualified, be experienced to perform the service as deemed by the project, be technically/financially/logistically sound and be in active business in the respective fields for last 5 (five) years.
6. The details of the packages are outlined as follows:

Sl No.	Package No.	Package name	No. of Batch	No. of participants	Completion time
1.	LGED/PD/HILIP/VT/08	Training on Computer Application	30	600	22 months

NB: The number of batches to be trained may be increased or decreased depending on the situation.

7. For this package, a total of four to seven (4-7) service providers will be short-listed and one of the short-listed organizations (Training providing institutes/firms/NGOs) will be finally contracted under this REOI to carry out the services. The short-listed service provider will be subsequently requested to submit its Technical and Financial proposals in separate envelopes. The service provider for each package will be selected through competition using QCBS method in accordance with the PPR-2008.
8. The interested service providers shall submit their EOIs including the following information:
A. General information of the organization:
i) Name and address with organisation's brochure.
ii) Number of years in active business (with supporting legal/relevant documents).
B. Mandatory information of the organization:
i) Updated Trade License and Company Registration number with year and name of the agency.
ii) TIN and VAT Registration number.
iii) Total number of permanent staff in payroll.
iv) List of only five (5) key professional personnel with names/date of birth/educational qualification and experience in permanent payroll (i.e. not full CV).
v) Number of contract with value completed by the organization since its operation.
vi) Average Annual Turnover for last 5 FYs supported by Audit reports.
vii) Number of similar contract with (value and number of trainees) completed in last 5 FYs only.
viii) List of offices/training centres/workshops with address/areas in square feet and list of logistics.
9. The project if necessary, may perform field verification regarding correctness of the information and other statements/documents provided by the service provider in the EOI and if found incorrect or vilified, the concerned EOI will be rejected at any stage of the short-listing process or even beyond that. The service provider submitting the EOI shall produce necessary documents upon demand by the project.
10. The undersigned will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI and visit to any office or site whatsoever.
11. A firm may enhance its capability/capacity with the other firms in the form of Joint Venture/Consortium/Associations (JVCA) will be allowed for the EOI. In case of Joint Venture, the firms shall provide documentation in support of joint venture. Except joint venture, the association will be treated as sub-consultancy and the experience/resources of sub-consultants will not be counted in the evaluation.
12. Interested service providers may obtain further information at the address below during office hours.
13. EOI (one hard copy and one soft copy in pdf) should be submitted on or before 20/08/2017 up to 2.00pm in sealed envelope delivered to the Project Director of HILIP-CALIP, LGED-RDEC Bhaban (Level-3), LGED HQ, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh and submitted EOIs will be opened at 3.00pm on the same day 20/08/2017.
14. The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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