

Strategic Business Conference-2018

13 January 2018, Saturday FARS Hotel & Resorts



AKM Shaheed Reza, chairman of Mercantile Bank, attends the bank's strategic business conference for 2018 at Fars Hotel & Resorts in Dhaka yesterday. Kazi Masihur Rahman, CEO of the bank, was present.

Russian car sales see long-awaited 12pc growth

AFP, Moscow
Sales of new cars in Russia grew by almost 12 percent in 2017, ending a four-year slump, an industry group said Thursday.
Car sales saw year-on-year growth of 11.9 percent, the Association of European Businesses said at a new conference in Moscow. Russians bought 1.59 million new cars last year, with the most popular brands Russian-made Lada and Korea's Hyundai, followed by France's Renault.
The growth came after car sales were down 11 percent in 2016 after plunging by 36 percent in 2015 as most Russians found their purchasing power was eroded and struggled to buy expensive cars.
The trend began in 2013 with a 5 percent drop in sales following a record year in 2012 and continued with 10 percent drop in sales in 2014. "The market has a long way to go (to) return its former strength, but a first and important step in the right direction has been made," Joerg Schreiber, chairman of the AEB Automobile Manufacturers' Committee, said.
Sales particularly picked up in December, with year-on-year growth of 14 percent for cars and light vehicles.
Schreiber predicted that the trend for growth would continue -- despite uncertainty over government measures such as a tax on imported cars -- telling AFP: "I would be surprised if that doesn't happen."
With more than 140 million residents, Russia had long been an extremely attractive market for global carmakers such as Renault, the majority shareholder of Russia's biggest carmaker AvtoVAZ, which produces the top-selling Ladas.
But the sector, which is highly sensitive to exchange rates, was hit hard by the economic crisis two years ago caused by falling oil prices and Western sanctions on Russia over its actions in Ukraine.
The Russian government last year continued to support its car industry with a programme that included discounts to farmers, small business owners and families with many children.

Indonesia central bank warns over cryptocurrencies

REUTERS, Jakarta
Indonesia's central bank has issued a fresh warning about trading in cryptocurrencies like bitcoin because of the risk of losses to the public and even a potential threat to the stability of the financial system.
Bank Indonesia (BI) has previously said that cryptocurrencies were not recognised as a legal medium of exchange, so that they could not be used as a means of payment in Indonesia.
"The ownership of virtual currencies is high risk and prone to speculation because there is no authority who takes responsibility, there is no official administrator and there is no underlying asset to be the basis for the price," BI spokesman Agusman said in a statement issued late on Friday.
He said that virtual currencies could also be used in money laundering and terrorism funding, and due to all these factors could have an impact on the stability of the financial system and causes losses for society.

Chinese bitcoin miners eye sites in energy-rich Canada

REUTERS, Montreal/Shanghai
While Beijing has not issued any official edict on the bitcoin mines, two Chinese miners told Reuters that local authorities had grown more unwilling to allow expansion and had started to shut down some mines in late 2017, as China clamped down on cryptocurrencies.
Last September, Chinese authorities banned so-called initial coin offerings and ordered Beijing-based cryptocurrency exchanges to halt trading.
"We, and from what I understand many of our peers, are already making plans to go overseas," said Li Wei, chief executive of ZQMiner, a Wuhan-based company that sells bitcoin mining equipment and has mines in three Chinese provinces.
Globally, regulators are increasingly voicing concerns about cryptocurrencies, which are not backed by any central bank, because of their volatility and worries about risks to investors. China, which has strict capital controls, is also worried that cryptocurrencies could facilitate illegal fund flows and breed financial risks.
In Canada, Hydro Quebec described a potential sales pipeline of around 30 large cryptocurrency miners after a campaign by the public utility to attract data centres to the province triggered a flurry of interest from bitcoin miners in 2017.

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority
BEPZA Complex, 19/D, Road no. 6
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

No.03.06.2616.318.016.158.2017. - ১১১ Date: 09 January 2018

(Invitation for Tender)
No. 05/2017-2018

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible contractors for the following works as per terms & conditions stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)			
3	Procuring Entity name	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)			
4	Procuring Entity district	Dhaka			
5	Invitation for	Works			
6	Invitation Ref. no and date	05/2017-2018 date: 09 January 2018			
KEY INFORMATION					
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
8	Budget and source of funds	Self finance of BEPZA			
9	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	Not applicable			
11	Project / Program Name (if applicable)	Not applicable			
12	Tender Package No.	Not applicable			
13	Tender Package Name	Not applicable			
14	Tender Publication Date	On or before 18 January 2018			
15	Tender Last Selling Date	18 February 2018 during office hour			
16	Tender Closing Date & Time	19 February 2018 at 2:00 PM			
17	Tender Opening Date & Time	19 February 2018 at 2.30 PM			
18	Name & Address of the office(s)				
	Selling of Tender Document (principal)	Accounts section, BEPZA Complex, House - 19/D, Road - 06, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka- 1205.			
	Selling of Tender Document (others)	Office of the Divisional Commissioner's, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.			
	Receiving of Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Electrical), BEPZA, House -19/D, Road-06, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.			
	Opening of Tender Document	Executive Engineer (Electrical), BEPZA, House -19/D, Road-06, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.			
19	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional)	Not applicable			
INFORMATION FOR Tenderer					
20	Eligibility of Tenderer	The invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers who satisfy the following: (a) The tenderer must have successful completion experience on design, installation and maintenance of IP based CC camera with related works in a single work order amounting not less than Tk. 500.00 lac during the last 5(five) years in Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous bodies. The work completion certificate shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent officer of concerned department/organization. (b) In case of JVC/JVCA eligibility and other condition are shown in Tender Data sheet (TDS) of tender documents. (c) The required minimum average annual construction turnover is Tk. 1300.00 Lac during the last five years which will be based on work completion certificates. All work completion certificates must be enclosed with the tender. (d) The required minimum liquid asset is Tk. 500.00 lac. (e) Black listed/debarred bidders from any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous organization will be treated as ineligible to participate in the Tender. (f) (i) Up-to-date trade license, (ii) Income Tax Clearance Certificate (iii) VAT Registration Certificate, (iv) Undertaking in prescribed format relating to black listing/debarment in any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous body. (v) Manufacturers Authorization letter. (g) Other required conditions and documents of the tenderer are shown in Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of tender documents must be fulfilled. (h) All other criteria will be taken according to the Public Procurement Act- 2006 and its amendment.			
21	Brief description of goods/ works	Supply, installation testing, commissioning and integration of CCTV surveillance system.			
22	Price of Tender Documents	Tk. 10000.00			
23	Sl. no	Name of works	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time
	i.	Supply, installation testing, commissioning and integration of CCTV surveillance system at Mongla EPZ, Ishwardi EPZ & Uttara EPZ.	Mongla EPZ, Ishwardi EPZ, Uttara EPZ & BEPZA Executive Office.	Tk 18,00,000.00 (Eighteen lac)	180 (One hundred and eighty) days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
24	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Kaysar Rahman			
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer (Electrical)			
26	Address of official inviting Tender	BEPZA Executive Office, House -19/D, Road-06, Dhanmondi R/A Dhaka-1205.			
27	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: 02-9660199, Fax : 880-2-8650060			
28	Special Instruction:				
	(a)	Eligible firms / authorized representative may purchase tender documents from the offices mentioned in SN-18 on submitting written request in their letter head pad.			
	(b)	Any false, forged and miss leading documents furnished by Tenderer shall result in rejection of the Tender.			
	(c)	In case of any confusion arises due to printing mistake or other reason, the Public Procurement Rules-2008 will govern.			
	(d)	Tender should be submitted original along with one duplicate copy and it should be mentioned on the cover sheet.			
	(e)	Tender shall be valid for a period of 120 (One hundred twenty) days from the date of opening the Tender(s). The tender notice is also available at web site: www.bepza.gov.bd			
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender Proceedings.				

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
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Memo No. LGED/XEN/LAL/2017/49
Date: 10/01/2018

e-Tender Notice No. 07/2017-18

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the work listed below:

Tender ID	Package No.	Name of Work	Last selling	Closing
152134	RDRIP/LALUN-346	Improvement of Sakowar Bazar-Shapitbari UPC Debirpat Bazar Road Ch. 2430-3490m under Aditmar Upazila.		
152439	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-67	Periodic Maintenance of Lalmonirhat Upazilla Parishad at Pourashava Border-Durgapur GC via Mogulhat UP (60m overlapping with RHD) Road from Ch. 4140m-9400m [LALMONIRHAT-S]	28/01/18 15:00pm	29/01/18 15:00pm
152480	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-68	Periodic Maintenance of Inderarpar (RHD) - Panchagram UP Office (Sagorpar) via Fakir Tokoya Road from Ch. 2820m-7450m [LALMONIRHAT-S]		
152593	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-69	Periodic Maintenance of Bhadal UP Office - Anando Bazar via Shih Mondir Road from Ch. 00m-2022m [ADITMAR]		
152599	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-70	Periodic Maintenance of Durgapur-Mogulhat Pucca Road (Mashankura)-Gondhobmarua Bottolla Road from Ch. 00m-994m [ADITMAR]		
152607	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-71	Periodic Maintenance of Milon Bazar R&H - Goddimeri UP Road from Ch. 1600m-2300m [HATIBANDHA]		
152610	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-72	Periodic Maintenance of Gotamari -Nowdabus via Rahmania Hat Road from Ch. 00m-700m [HATIBANDHA]		
152618	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-73	Periodic Maintenance of Shaniagan R&H - Morion Nessa GPS Road from Ch. 00m-2000m [HATIBANDHA]		
152669	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-74	Periodic Maintenance of Baradol Bridge -H/O Khatir Mithi(X-Chairman House) Road from Ch. 1150m-1950m [HATIBANDHA]		
152673	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-75	Periodic Maintenance of Hatibandha GC-Sindurana river Ghat Road from Ch. 00m-815m [HATIBANDHA]		
152674	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-76	Periodic Maintenance of Dactar Para Jame Mosque - Pandith Para GPS Road from Ch. 00m-2000m [HATIBANDHA]		
152679	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-77	Periodic Maintenance of Baura -Thanghara GCCR to H/O Amed Ali Road from Ch. 00m-1705m [PATGRAM]		
152681	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-78	Periodic Maintenance of Patgram -Awliarhat GCCR-Kalihat BOP Road from Ch. 00m-1059m [PATGRAM]		
152683	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-79	Periodic Maintenance of Munshirhat at Rice Mill to Kokoabari GPS Road from Ch. 00m-510m [PATGRAM]		
152684	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-80	Periodic Maintenance of Mohendranagar GC - Shapitbari 2R Road from Ch. 00m-2035m [LALMONIRHAT-S]		
152687	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-81	Periodic Maintenance of Mohishkhocha Hat - Dhakhin Biapara Road from Ch. 00m-760m [ADITMAR]		
152709	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-82	Periodic Maintenance of Paschim Saradubi Wapda Road- Ramonigan R&H Road from Ch. 2390m-3000m [HATIBANDHA]		
152723	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-83	Rehabilitation of 1 No. Single Vent 1.50mx1.50m RCC Box Culvert on Zosar Bazar to Chaparhat via Bhesguri UP Road at ch. 950m [HATIBANDHA]		
152731	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-84	Rehabilitation of 1 No. Single Vent 1.50mx1.50m RCC Box Culvert on Milon Bazar - Singimari B.O.P Camp Road at Ch. 1600m [HATIBANDHA]		
152737	e-Tender/LGED/Lal/GOBM/17-18/W-85	Rehabilitation of 1 No. Single Vent 1.50mx1.50m RCC Box Culvert on Dhowar Bazar-Nowdabas UP Office Road at Ch.300m [HATIBANDHA]		

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 from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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BMW drives to new sales record but still lags Mercedes

AFP, Frankfurt Am Main
German high-end carmaker BMW said Friday it booked record sales for the seventh year in a row in 2017, but continued to trail rival Mercedes-Benz.
The Munich-based group said in a statement that sales of its core BMW-brand cars rose by 4.2 percent to almost 2.1 million last year.
Growth was primarily driven by the strong performance of its X-series SUVs and updated 5-series limousines, the statement said.
While sales in China grew by 15 percent, European sales edged forward by one percent and business in the Americas declined by two percent.
Despite the record performance, BMW was still unable to catch up with Mercedes, which held on to the pole position in the luxury segment with sales of 2.3 million units last year.
Nevertheless, sales chief Ian Robertson insisted that the BMW group as a whole was "the world's leading premium automotive company".
Taking into account sales of BMW's Mini-Royce units, the group sold some 2.46 million vehicles worldwide last year.

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