

Europe watches as German unions battle for more pay

AFP, Berlin

Emboldened by an economy running at full steam, workers in other sectors of the German economy are following the call of the metalworkers' union for higher pay -- and Germany's trading partners are rooting from the sidelines. Leading the fight is the powerful IG Metall union, which represents about 3.9 million workers in the nation's crucial metal and electrical engineering industries.

It is seeking a six-percent wage hike and the right for staff to switch from a 35- to a 28-hour week for two years -- with limited salary loss in some cases.

After mobilising more than 600,000 workers in a series of short "warning strikes" this month -- including at Volkswagen, BMW, Bosch and Siemens -- union leaders return to the negotiating table Wednesday for a decisive round of talks with company bosses.

If no progress is made, IG Metall has threatened 24-hour walkouts and raised the prospect of staging its first open-ended strike since 2003.

"We are prepared for anything," IG Metall boss Joerg Hofmann said last

week. With tensions rising, the battle is being closely watched at home and abroad.

The biggest hurdle in the talks is IG Metall's insistence that employers top up the salaries of some of the workers who choose to reduce their hours, such as low-earning shift workers or those caring for children or ailing relatives.

Employers have slammed the demands as too costly and even discriminatory to staff already working part-time without additional compensation. They have so far only offered a two-percent wage increase.

But the union, which was instrumental in pushing through a 35-hour week in the 1990s, says it is fighting for a better work-life balance and insists German companies can afford it at a time when order books are full and unemployment is at a record low.

The influential IG Metall has already inspired other unions to flex their muscles too.

The DBB public service union said it will ask for "a significant" salary hike in next month's negotiations with the government, and wants the work week lowered from 41 to 39 hours for nearly

a million civil servants. "We held back in the previous wage negotiations. That won't be the case this time," DBB head Ulrich Silberbach told the business weekly Wirtschaftswoche.

The union will unveil its demands on February 7. Last year, it sought a five-percent wage increase.

Germany's largest services sector union Verdi is meanwhile calling for a six-percent salary boost for 130,000 Deutsche Post workers or the option to trade some of the cash for more time off.

The "period of wage moderation" that has played a key role in German competitiveness has "ended", the country's "wise men" council of economic experts said in its latest report, a trend that has accelerated in the past two years as the economy picked up speed.

The fight for bigger pay slips in Europe's powerhouse economy is welcome news for the European Central Bank which sees higher wages as key to driving up stubbornly low inflation.

Despite a robust economic recovery, eurozone inflation remains far off the bank's goal of just under 2.0 percent, discouraging it from ending crisis-era stimulus measures.



Muhammed Zahurul Alam, deputy managing director of Bank Asia, and Faizul Hamid, managing director of CloudWell Ltd, open the bank's new agent outlet at Shahjadpur in Sirajganj on Tuesday. The bank in partnership with CloudWell launched the outlet to provide banking services to dairy farmers.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

স্মারক নং: চ.প.ই/সাহাঃ/১৭-১৮/২৫৭ তারিখ: ২৩/০১/২০১৮ইং

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়	শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	দপ্তর	কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা-১২০৭।
৩।	দরপত্র কর্তৃক পদবি, ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর-৬৮৩৫৩৮	অধ্যক্ষ, চট্টগ্রাম পলিটেকনিক ইনস্টিটিউট, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।
৪।	দরপত্রের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের ব্যবহারিক প্রশ্নের জন্য কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ ক্রয়, শিক্ষা উপকরণ, অফিস সরঞ্জাম, কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী ক্রয়, বইপত্র সামগ্রিকী, ক্রয় ইত্যাদি সরবরাহ।
৫।	ফরমের উৎস	গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক ২০১৭-২০১৮ইং অর্থ বৎসরের রাজস্ব বাজেট (মঞ্জুরী সাপেক্ষে)।
৬।	ক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (পিপিআর-২০০৮ মোতাবেক)।
৭।	সরবরাহযোগ্য প্যাকেজ নং সহ বিভিন্ন লটে বিভাজিত মালামালের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ-	

প্যাকেজ নং	লট নম্বর	সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি (সেরভিওগ্যা)	সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফারতথ্যে)	সরবরাহের/কার্যসম্পাদনের সময়সীমা
সিপিআই/জিওডি-এ	লট-১	কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ ক্রয় (কম্পিউটার এবং ইলেকট্রনিক্স বিভাগ)	৫২৮৫/-	প্যাকেজ মূল্য=১০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা মাত্র)	৩০ দিনের মধ্যে
	লট-২	কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ ক্রয় (মেকানিক্যাল এবং পাওয়ার বিভাগ)	১০,৬৫০/-		
	লট-৩	কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ (ইলেকট্রনিক্স বিভাগ)	৯,৮৭৫/-		
	লট-৪	কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ (সিভিল, এনভায়রনমেন্টাল, আরএস এবং পাম্প হাউজ) বিভাগের মালামাল ক্রয়।	১২,২০০/-		
সিপিআই/জিওডি-বি	লট-১	বইপত্র সামগ্রিকী	৩৮৭০/-	প্যাকেজ মূল্য=৫০০/- (পাঁচশত টাকা মাত্র)	
	লট-৪	কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী ক্রয়	৭,৭৮০/-		
সিপিআই/জিওডি-সি	লট-১	অফিস সরঞ্জাম ক্রয়	১৪,৪৫০/-	প্যাকেজ মূল্য=১২০০/- (এক হাজার দুইশত টাকা মাত্র)	
	লট-২	শিক্ষা উপকরণ ক্রয়	১১,২০০/-		
	লট-৩	অসবাবপত্র ক্রয়	১৭,৪৫০/-		
	লট-৪	যন্ত্রপাতি ও অন্যান্য সরঞ্জাম ক্রয়	২৯,২০০/-		
সিপিআই/জিওডি-ই	লট-১	স্টেশনারী ক্রয়	৯,৭৫৫/-	প্যাকেজ মূল্য=৫০০/- (পাঁচশত টাকা মাত্র)	

৮। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের যোগ্যতা

৯। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান

১০। দরপত্র সিডিউল দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান

১১। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়

১২। দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার স্থান

বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকটিকরণ এন্ট্রি ক্রয় দাখিলের ব্যতিক্রম হলে যে কোন অর্থবহী সর্বশেষ দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তরের মঞ্জুরী সাপেক্ষে কার্যক্রম দেওয়া যাইতে পারে। প্রত্যেকটি প্যাকেজের প্রতি লটে প্রত্যেকটি আইটেমের দর অবশ্যই উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে। তুলনামূলক দর বিবেচনার সময় সের্বোচ্চ সর্বমোট দর বিবেচনা করা হইবে, সেহেতু কোন আইটেমের দর প্রদান না করিলেও আইটেমের দর অন্তর্ভুক্ত আছে বলে গণ্য করা হইবে।

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GE posts \$10b loss in Q4

REUTERS

General Electric Co reported a 5-percent fall in revenue and a \$10 billion loss for the fourth quarter on Wednesday, driven by an already announced \$11-billion charge for insurance losses and taxes.

The U.S. industrial conglomerate said profit fell 88 percent in its troubled power business, which makes electricity generating equipment, attributing the drop to unspecified charges and other factors. GE could not immediately provide more detail.

Revenue and orders also fell sharply at the power business.

GE said cash from industrial operating activities totalled \$7.8 billion in the quarter, above expectations of about \$7 billion, and GE said its ability to generate cash is improving.

GE's loss totalled \$10.01 billion in the quarter, compared with a profit of \$3.48 billion a year earlier.

On a per-share basis, GE reported a loss from continuing operations of \$1.15, compared with a profit of 39 cents per share.

GE said last week it would book a \$11 billion charge in the fourth quarter, including \$6.2 billion for re-evaluation of insurance assets. The insurance charge was double what GE warned last year.

Total revenue fell to \$31.40 billion from \$33.09 billion.



Mashrur Arefin, additional managing director of City Bank, and Jigar Shah, chief operating officer of Infini Systems, attend a deal signing ceremony at the former's head office in Dhaka on Sunday to implement Veefin—a solution for supply chain finance—to provide the suppliers and distributors of large corporate houses with easy and instant finance.

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Memo No: 265 Date: 22/01/2018

IFT No-09/2017-2018
Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works.
2	Agency	Public Works Department (PWD).
3	Procuring entity name	Superintending Engineer, Dhaka PWD Circle-4, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Works
7	Invitation Ref No.	ECNEC, Branch-1, Memo No: 20.00.0000.411.14.37.17-506 date: 13.12.2017
8	Date	22/01/2018

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Dev) Fund.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	None

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme name (if applicable)	ঢাকা জাজিমপুর সরকারি কলেজের অভ্যন্তরে সরকারি কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের জন্য বহুতল আবাসিক ফ্ল্যাট নির্মাণ [২য় পর্যায়]।
13	Tender package No.	W-9
14	Tender package name	Construction of 02 Nos. 800sqft 20-Storeyed Residential Buildings (152 Flats) with internal sanitary & water supply works, gas connection, anti-termite treatment, electrification works (Building No. 03 & 04) at Azimpur Government Colony, Dhaka.
15	Tender publication date	30/01/2018
16	Tender last selling date	07/03/2018

	Date	Time
17	Tender closing date and time	08/03/2018 12.00 noon
18	Tender opening date and time	08/03/2018 03.00pm
19	Name & address of the office(s)	Address

(a) -Selling tender document (principal)
 (b) -Selling tender document (others)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Azimpur PWD Division/Motijheel PWD Division/PWD Resources Division/Narayanganj PWD Division/Munshiganj PWD Division/Narsingdi PWD Division/PWD City Division/Dhaka PWD Division-III/III/IV/Medical College PWD Division/Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-I/II/III/Mirpur PWD Division/Savar PWD Division/Mohakhali PWD Division/Maintenance PWD Division. PWD Chittagong Division-I, Chittagong/PWD Khulna Division-I, Khulna/PWD Rajshahi Division-I, Rajshahi/PWD Sylhet Division, Sylhet/PWD Barisal Division, Barisal/PWD Rangpur Division, Rangpur. Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Dhaka PWD Sub-Division-V under Dhaka PWD Division-IV, Purta Bhaban, Dhaka.

No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents

(c)	-Receiving tender document	(i) Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka PWD Circle-4, Dhaka. (ii) Office of the Executive Engineer, Azimpur PWD Division, Dhaka. (iii) Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Resource Division, Dhaka. (iv) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. (v) Office of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dhaka.
(d)	-Opening tender document	Tender will be opened on 08/03/2018 at 3.00pm in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka PWD Circle-4, Dhaka. Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives may remain present during opening of tenders.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	This invitation for tender is open to all qualified tenderers as mentioned below: (a) The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works as Prime Contractor or Sub-Contractor or Management Contractor shall be 10 (ten) years. (b) (i) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor or Sub Contractor or Management Contractor in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of minimum 10 (ten)-storeyed RCC building construction work of Tk. 50.00 (fifty) crore in a single contract in Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous Organization of Bangladesh during last 10 (ten) years. (ii) In case of the work done for successful completion of building construction works under PWD, the certifying and authenticating authority shall be the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD. (iii) In case of the work done for successful completion of building construction works under any Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Organization other than PWD the certifying authority shall be an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and the same duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that district under whose jurisdiction the work has been done. (iv) Prescribed form for "Work Certificate" for this purpose will be available mentioned in Clause No. 09 in the tender document. (c) (i) The tenderer shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) financial years of Tk. 70.00 (seventy) crore. (ii) In support of average annual construction turnover, payment certificates for contracts in progress or completed under public sector during last 5 (five) years must be submitted along with the tender. (d) (i) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk. 11.00 (eleven) crore. (ii) Document submitted along with the tender must be issued in between publication date and submission date of the tender. (iii) Letter of Commitment for Bank's Undertaking for Line of Credit as per Form PW3-7 of tender and contract forms section must be submitted for this purpose. (e) (i) Tenderers having quoted the total tender price more than 10 (ten) percent above or below the official estimated cost shall be rejected. (ii) The minimum tender capacity shall be Tk. 55.00 (fifty-five) crore. (f) The tender must possess: (i) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. (ii) Valid VAT registration certificate. (iii) Up-to-date trade license. (iv) Up-to-date ABC category contractorship and supervisory license from Electricity Licensing Board, Government of Bangladesh. (v) Attested copies of documents mentioned in Sl. No. (i), (ii), (iii) & (iv) are to be submitted. (vi) Original money receipt must be enclosed with the tender. (g) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tender are shown in Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the tender document.			
21	Brief description of works	Earth work, Brick work, RCC work, Thai work, Wood work, Sanitary work, Electrification work, etc.			
22	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 3000.00 (three thousand).			
23	Package No.	Package description	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
	W-9	Construction of 02 Nos. 800sqft 20-Storeyed Residential Buildings (152 Flats) with internal sanitary & water supply works, gas connection, anti-termite treatment, electrification works (Building No. 03 & 04) at Azimpur Government Colony, Dhaka.	Azimpur, Dhaka	Tk. 1.80 (one point eight zero) crore	18 (eighteen) months
24	Name of official inviting tender	Md Abul Hossain			
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Superintending Engineer.			
26	Address of official inviting tender	Dhaka PWD Circle-4, Dhaka.			
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 02-9553447	Fax No. 02-9570269	se_dhk4@pwd.gov.bd	
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				

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