

Don't dump sand on farmland

Speakers urge Mongla Port authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Mongla Port authorities must withdraw its decision to dump sand on 300 acres of farmlands in Khulna's Banishanta union, said speakers at an event yesterday.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon and seven more environmental and rights organisations organised the event at Jatiya Press Club.

In the pretext of increasing navigability and capacity, the Mongla Port authorities are dredging the Pashur river.

The speakers said the recent plan of the port authorities to dump sands on over 300 acres of cropland in Banishanta union of Dacope upazila will have a disastrous impact on the environment and displace at least 5,000 farmers of 1,500 families.

Despite having space to waste agricultural land to cut costs, alleged Md Nur Alam Sheikh, convener of Bapa Mongla unit.

While talking at the programme, farmers of Banishanta union claimed that croplands where sands are dumped can't be harvested for 8-10 years. They demanded that the authorities find alternative ways to dump sand.

Syeza Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela, said the authorities should consider the locals' demand and find an alternative place to dump

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A worker melting pitch in a boiler machine for emergency repairs of potholes on Barishal-Dhaka highway. This photo was taken in Rahmatpur area of Barishal's Babuganj upazila. PHOTO: TITU DAS

High taxes hindering tourism

Says parliamentary body

RASHIDUL HASAN

The current rates of VAT and other taxes are a major obstacle to developing the country's tourism industry, a parliamentary body said yesterday.

VAT and other taxes on hotels, motels, and goods associated with the tourism industry are much higher than those of other countries. This is a major obstacle to attracting foreign tourists, said the parliamentary standing committee on civil aviation and tourism ministry.

In a meeting at Jatiya Sangsad, with Awami League lawmaker RAM Obaidul Mukhtar Chowdhury in the chair, it was said the municipality and city corporation have started the process of collecting holding tax at a new rate and 5 percent tax from those staying in hotels or motels, which will directly hinder the industry's development.

In the meeting, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Integrated approach to keep taxes at tolerable level
- Holding meeting involving Dhaka city corporations, finance ministry, National Board of Revenue
- Demolishing old infrastructures in Cox's Bazar to build new ones

said tourism is one of the fastest growing sectors in the world. But in Bangladesh, taxes are levied at various levels, including service sub-sectors, such as hotels, motels, restaurants, and amusement parks.

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'We were confined, tortured for six hours'

Two Eden College students bring allegation against unit's BCL president

DU CORRESPONDENT

Tamanna Jasmine Riva, president of Eden Mohila College unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), has allegedly tortured two students after confining them to a room for six and half hours.

Riva also allegedly threatened to record private footage of the two and upload them online if they did not confess to leaking an audio clip of her threatening

other students.

The two resident students of Razia Begum dormitory said they were called to a room, confined and tormented from 11:00am to 5:30pm on August 23, following which, they were forced to give confessional statements.

The two students were later rescued by Provost Nargis Ruma, said campus sources.

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পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ ও পরিকল্পনা কমিশনে কর্মরত ১৭-২০ শ্রেণির (৪র্থ শ্রেণি) কর্মচারীদের ২০২২-২৩ অর্থবছরে প্রস্তাবিত পোশাক ও আনুষঙ্গিক দ্রব্যাদি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM)

০১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ, পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২।	ক্রয়কারী (Procuring Entity) নাম	সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ।
০৩।	ক্রয়কারী (Procuring Entity) জেলা	ঢাকা
০৪।	আবহানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং- ২০.০০.০০০০.০২১.০৭.০০৪.২২-২৬৫, তারিখ: ২৪/০৮/২০২২খ্রিঃ
০৫।	কেন ধরনের সন্মতের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হয়েছে	পোশাক ও আনুষঙ্গিক দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহ।
০৬।	সমগ্রই পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
০৭।	বাজেট এবং অর্ধের উৎস	রাজস্ব খাত।
০৮।	দরপত্র/কার্যের নাম	ঐতিহাসিক ও শীতকালীন পোশাক ও আনুষঙ্গিক দ্রব্যাদি, নামফলক, জুতা, মোজা ও ছাতা সরবরাহ। ১। কর্মচারী (পুরুষ) (ক) ফুল সাফারী-০২ সেট, (খ) হাফ সাফারী-০২ সেট (গ) ডি-প্যা ফুল সেটের-০৩টি, (ঘ) সাদা ফুল শার্ট-০৩টি (ঙ) নামফলক-০২টি, (চ) ছাতা-২১৬ জোড়া (ছ) মোজা-২১৬ জোড়া, ও ছাতা-১০৮টি ২। কর্মচারী (মহিলা/শ্রী) (ক) জুতা/লিঙ্গ শার্ট- ১০টি, (খ) সূতি শার্ট-১০টি ও অনুষঙ্গ (গ) হাফ হাতা ড্রাইট-৪০টি, (ঘ) পেটিকোট-৪০টি, (ঙ) শাল/সোয়েটার-২১টি, (ছ) ফুল হাতা ড্রাইট-২১টি, (জ) নামফলক-১০টি, (চ) স্যাডেল/ছাতা-৬২ জোড়া, (ছ) মোজা-৬২ জোড়া, ও ছাতা-৩১টি
০৯।	দরপত্র সিদ্ধি উপলব্ধির শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৭/০৯/২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পর্যন্ত।
১০।	দরপত্র সিদ্ধি উপলব্ধির শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৮/০৯/২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিখ সকাল ১১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৮/০৯/২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিখ সকাল ১১.১৫ ঘটিকা।
১২।	দরপত্র সিদ্ধি উপলব্ধির স্থান	সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ (তল নং-০৯, কক্ষ নং-১৩)।
১৩।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর দপ্তর	উপসচিব, সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ (তল নং-০৯, কক্ষ নং-১৩)।
১৪।	দরপত্র খোলার দপ্তর	উপসচিব, সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ (তল নং-০৯, কক্ষ নং-১৩)।
১৫।	দরপত্র অংশগ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের যোগাযোগ	The Public Procurement Rules-2008 (একদলসংক্রান্ত সংশোধনসহ) এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট কার্যের জন্য প্রতীক দরপত্র দপ্তরের বর্ণিত শর্তনুযায়ী।
১৬।	দরপত্র সিদ্ধি উপলব্ধির স্থান	৫০০/- (পাঁশাট) টাকা (অংশগ্রহণযোগ্য)।
১৭।	জামানতের পরিমাণ	ত্রিকালীন কর্তৃক দাখিলকৃত মোট দরপত্র ০২(তিন)%(সেরভিসেস)।
১৮।	বিশেষ শর্তাবলী	১. অংশগ্রহণকারী এর বিধি-বিধান মনোতে বাধ্য থাকবেন। ২. প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব হেডপ্যাডে লিখিত আবেদনের মাধ্যমে সিদ্ধি উপলব্ধি শর্ত মোতাবেক উপসচিব, সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ বরাবর দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। ৩. দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদ, বাণিজ্য সনদসহ সনদ এবং কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে। ৪. দরপত্র জামানতের টাকা যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকে বাণিজ্য/পে-অর্ডার আকারে উপসচিব, সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ, শেরেবাগা নগর, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে প্রদান করতে হবে। ৫. কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন কারণে দর্শনীয় বাতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।
১৯।	যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা	উপসচিব, সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১, তল নং-০৯, কক্ষ নং-১৩, পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ, শেরেবাগা নগর, ঢাকা।

স্বাক্ষর: মোঃ মিজানুর রহমান
উপসচিব (সাধারণ অধিশাখা-১)
ফোন: ৯১৯০৯৯

সিডি-১৬০২

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Road Transport and Highways Division
Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority (DTCA)
Nagar Bhabhan, 12th Floor, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.

Request for Expressions of Interest (National, Firm)

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/ Road Transport and Highways Division.
02. Agency	Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority (DTCA).
03. Procuring Entity Name	Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority (DTCA).
04. Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present.
05. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
06. Eoi for selection of	IT Service Provider (Firm) for "Transport Clearing House Operation & Maintenance".
07. Eoi Ref No	35.02.0000.008.35.030.22-334
08. Eoi Date	24/08/2022

KEY INFORMATION

09. Procurement Method	Quality and Cost based Selection (QCBS) in accordance to rule-105 of PPR-2008.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget & Source of Fund	GoB (Revenue Budget).
11. Development Partners	Not Applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project /Programme Code	Not Applicable.
13. Project /Programme Name	Not Applicable.
14. Eoi Closing Date & Time	Date: 12/09/2022 and Time: 12.00 PM

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief Description of Assignment	The existing Transport Clearing House System of DTCA must be operated and maintained efficiently 24 hours (in 3 shifts) a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year and troubleshooted accordingly (if required) by the IT Service Provider. The provider will also be responsible for the fare settlement with various public transport operators within the specified time. Specifically, the provider will monitor, maintain and troubleshoot the hardware (e.g. physical server, server storage, network) as well as provide complete operational support (e.g. system application monitoring, system security maintenance, error handling and troubleshooting, report) to run the Clearing House System of DTCA.			
16. Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	I. Must be a local IT/ITES firm/service provider with minimum 7 years of experience in development, surveillance/monitoring, operation and maintenance of IT infrastructure/ Financial Service/Banking System. Documentary evidence (Work completion certificate, experience certificate) must be provided. II. Must have minimum 4 years of experience in development, surveillance/monitoring, operation and maintenance of medium/ large-scale IT infrastructure/ Financial Service/Banking System, which processes a huge amount of data in a short period of time and has common functions about error handling and log output. Documentary evidence (Work completion certificate, experience certificate) must be provided. III. Experience in system development, operation and maintenance of Clearing House System/ Transport Ticketing Solution/IC card-based system will be given preference. Documentary evidence (Work completion certificate, experience certificate) must be provided. IV. Must have liquid assets as working capital or credit line of minimum BDT 75 Lakh. V. Must have Yearly turnover of minimum BDT 60 Lakh. Must submit updated audit report of previous 1 year. VI. Must have minimum of 30 (Thirty) total employees and of which a minimum of 15 (Fifteen) total IT personnel (both for software support and network operation/maintenance related). VII. Must have valid Up-to-Date Trade License, Income Tax Payment certificates, VAT Registration certificates, Certificate of Incorporation (if any).			
17. Other Details (If Applicable)	I. All relevant certificates must be clear, readable, signed/sealed by the IT service provider. II. All relevant documents must be organized and tagged as per the sequence of serial -16. III. Submission of irrelevant document is highly discouraged. IV. For further details see the website www.dtca.gov.bd V. Eoi's must be submitted in a properly sealed envelope clearly mentioning the address of the firm as well as information stated in serial 8-8 and 20-22. Otherwise, they would be returned without opening.			
18. Association with foreign firm is	Not Allowed.			
19. Ref No.	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
S1	Operation & Maintenance	Dhaka	16/10/2022	15/10/2023

PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS

20. Name of the official inviting Eoi	Shahila Pervin
21. Designation of the official	Executive Director (Additional Secretary)
22. Address of the official inviting Eoi	Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority(DTCA), Nagar Bhabhan, Level-12, Room No: 1317, Fulbaria, Dhaka
23. Contact details of the official	Telephone/Mobile No. +880-2-223382686 Fax No. Not Applicable Email: eo@dtca.gov.bd
24. The procuring entity reserves the right to delete or reject any or all of the Eoi's.	

Shahila Pervin
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Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority(DTCA)

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COMMISSION HIKE
Petrol pump owners call token strike on Aug 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Petrol pump owners yesterday called a token strike across the country on August 31 from dawn to 11:00am in demand of increased commission for selling fuel.

The owners also threatened stricter measures if their demands are not met.

Md Nazmul Huq, president of Bangladesh Petroleum Dealers, Distributors, Agents and Owners' Association made the announcement during a press briefing at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

In 2013, commissions for selling octane and petrol was 4.75 percent, and for diesel it was 3.22 percent, he said.

However, following the fuel price hike on August 5, the commissions have decreased to 3.78 and 2.56 percent respectively. He demanded seven percent commission for selling fuel.

"If we want, we can create a deadlock across the country but we kept patience. But now our backs are against the wall," he added.

The organisation's other demand was to ensure the presence of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) or the distributor companies while conducting drives in the pump stations, determining lease fee at a reasonable rate by the Roads and Highways Department, stopping police harassment in name of checking documents of tank-lorries while transporting fuel by road.

Nazmul said some drives were conducted recently only for show-off. "They presented the

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Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited
(Implementing Agency under Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy & Women Entrepreneurship Financing (EEREWEF) Project)

Request for Expression of Interest for Consulting Services-Firm Selection (International)

Ref No: BIFFL/Procurement-Consultancy/2022-970 Date: 24/08/2022

Country	Bangladesh
Project Name	Technical Assistance Linked to Project CBD 1031 01 S- Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy & Women Entrepreneurship Financing (EEREWEF) Project
Assignment Title	Consulting services for Technical Assistance program
Credit No.	Project CBD 1033

1. As a contribution to the transition of Bangladesh's economy towards a "greener" economy, a credit line of 50 million euros has been granted by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) to the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and retroceded to BIFFL. This credit line aims at financing investments in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy and women's entrepreneurship. In order to fulfil the objectives of the credit line Project CBD 1031, a Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) will be made to support the implementation of the credit line facility and provide capacity-building activities to strengthen BIFFL's climate finance strategy and management of E&S risks as well as internal control and compliance.

2. The Consulting services (the 'Services') will include but not be limited to the following. Details are given in the full version of the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI):

- Component A: Support to the eligible investments portfolio preparation
- Component B: Capacity Building on climate finance, E&S risks and ICC management
- Component C: Communication and promotion of the subprojects
- Component D: Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Credit Facility

3. The full version of REOI for this assignment can be found at the following website: <https://biffl.org.bd/e-tender/> or can be found at address below. Notably, applicants need to follow the full version of the REOI.

4. The consultancy will be for a period of 36 (Thirty-Six) months starting from the date of contract signing.

5. BIFFL now invites eligible consulting firms (the 'Consultants') to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to provide the Services. The consultants will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in the full version of REOI available at link mentioned in serial 3.

6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section 1.3, 1.4, & 1.5 of Guidelines for the Procurement of AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries (Latest) setting forth the AFD's policy on eligibility, fraud and corruption, and ESHS.

7. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

8. The consulting firms will be short listed based on previous relevant experiences.

9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).

10. Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form (1 original & 3 copies) to the address below (in person, or by registered mail/courier) and soft copy (18 MB) of EOI to riyad.hasan@biffl.org.bd by 20/09/2022 before 3.00 p.m. (BST).

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