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**INTERNATIONAL NOTICE FOR INVESTORS PREQUALIFICATION FOR
SECOND PADMA MULTIPURPOSE BRIDGE AT PATURIA- DAULATDIA
ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) BASIS**

Under the Authority of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB), the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) under the Bridges Division of the Ministry of Communications intends to select potential international Investor(s) for the Financing and Construction of "SECOND PADMA MULTIPURPOSE BRIDGE AT PATURIA-DAULATDIA". The Project will be implemented through BOOT on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis. Total cost of the project will be approximately US\$ 2.00 billion.

Background of the Project:

The major rivers like the Padma, the Jamuna, the Ganges and the Meghna have divided Bangladesh geographically into four principal areas namely the north zone, the east zone, the north-west zone and the south-west zone. The south-west zone is separated from other parts of the country, principally the eastern zone including the capital city Dhaka by the Padma River. The socio-economic and industrial underdevelopment of the south-west zone, which encompasses Bangladesh second major port Mongla, its 3rd main city Khulna, the inland port at Benapole, is in part due to difficult access across the Padma River at Paturia-Daulatdia point with the rest of the country. On average, buses and light vehicles have to waste nearly three hours for crossing Paturia-Daulatdia while trucks have to waste about four hours and thirty five minutes crossing time by Ferry.

The first Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project at Mawa-Janjira point is under construction. However, Some districts of south-west region at Mawa-Janjira will take more time than Paturia-Daulatdia location to shorten the distance between Meherpur, Chuadanga, Kushtia, Jhenadaha, Magura, Rajbari, Faridput and parts of Narail, Gopalganj, Jessore & Madaripur districts with Dhaka and eastern part of the country, it is necessary to construct second Padma Bridge at Paturia-Daulatdia location. A feasibility study of Padma Bridge was carried out by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) during 2003 to 2005. According to the study report the proposed Paturia-Daulatdia site is preferred as bridge location because of shorter bridge length and variety of appropriate foundation type.

To ease these problems, the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), Bridges Division, Ministry of Communications, Government of Bangladesh desires to construct 6.1 km bridge over the river Padma at Paturia-Daulatdia point on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis.

Objective and Scope:

The main objective of the project is to construct a bridge over the river Padma at Paturia-Daulatdia point to establish direct road through communications from capital city, Dhaka to west and south-west part of Bangladesh as well as the direct main land port Beanpole, Darshona and the sea port with Mongla. There will be considerable time saving in the journey time between Dhaka and south western part of Bangladesh, when the bridge in constructed, which will improve working efficiency and effect import and export favorably, the fiscal impact of travel time saving is very significant. The Project has a potential for regional integration and long term development of markets and promotion of socio-economic activity.

The bridge will boost up commercial and trading activities between East and South West of the country and will create additional employment opportunities in agriculture, traditional crafts, small scale



industries and commerce, which will help attain higher growth rate in the country and faster poverty alleviation.

Qualification Criteria

The Project Investor(s) will be selected through an International Competitive Bidding process from a pool of Applicants who meet the criteria set forth in the Pre-qualification document. The selected Project Investor will be provided with Request for Proposal (RFP) from BBA for Technical & Financial Bidding competition of the project.

BBA seeks to pre-qualify interested Investor(s) and prepare a short list of pre-qualified firms with the intention to invite eligible International Firms to indicate their interests for participation in the bid. The Applicant(s) should have essential experience and requisite qualifications in the financing and/or Construction of Bridge or Elevated Expressway or Elevated Railways or Flyovers on a BOOT /BOT/PPP/ECP basis with combined value of not less than US\$400 Million during last 10 years.

Interested Applicants may form consortium with other International Firms engaged in the financing, design and construction of roads and bridges to fulfil their qualification by forming a Joint Venture (JV). Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the work.

Prequalification application documents should specifically include:

Background & Registration of the Firm(s)

Historical Financial Performance of the Firm(s) including Audited Financial Reports of the Firm(s) for the last five (5) years.

List or summary of Professional Employees with Resume indicating major professional experiences and qualifications in similar projects.

Experiences in the following:

- **General construction experiences in the relevant field.**
- **Experience in construction works of at least 3 (three) Km of Bridge/Elevated Expressway/Road, Elevated Railway/Flyover.**
- **Experience in construction of Bridge / Elevated Expressway, Elevated Railways or Flyovers on a BOOT /BOT/PPP/ECP basis with combined value of not less than US\$400 Million over the last 10 years. Experience of on-going project of similar type & size may also be considered.**

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information and documents for pre-qualification application from BBA Web Site: www.bba.gov.bd. Application for Pre-qualification should be submitted in one original and two extra copies, and should be delivered to the address below not later than 12.00 hrs on 10th January 2012.



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Applicant(s) shall bear the cost incurred in preparation and submission of Application for Pre-qualification to BBA. BBA shall not in any way be responsible for the costs incurred by the Applicant(s).

Copy for information:

1. Director (All), BBA, Dhaka.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Communications, Dhaka
3. PS to Executive Director, BBA, Dhaka.
4. Public Relation Officer, BBA, Dhaka.
5. Notice Board, BBA, Dhaka.