

**GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**  
**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
Bridges Division  
Bangladesh Bridge Authority  
Setu Bhaban,  
New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka

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**INTERNATIONAL NOTICE FOR INVESTORS PREQUALIFICATION**

**INVITATION**

**FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF INVESTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF "DHAKA ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY" 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 Ministry of Communications intends to select potential international Investor(s) for the Financing and Construction of an "Elevated Expressway" in Dhaka. The Project will be implemented on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis. Total cost of the project will be approximately US\$ 2.00 billion.

**Background of the Project:**

Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh is the largest and most densely populated city, with 13 million people (6200 person/sq.km.) out of the nation's total population of 147 million. Dhaka is the administrative, commercial and cultural centre of the country. The population of the city is increasing rapidly and expected to double in size over the next 20 years. The transport sector in Dhaka City is composed of many different modes - both motorized and non-motorized. These various modes of transports often use the same road space resulting in a high level of operational disorder. Dhaka has yet to develop an integrated Mass Transit System.

To improve urban transport services, the Louis Berger Group, Inc., USA in association with Bangladesh Consultants Limited (BCL) prepared the Strategic Transport Plan (STP) for Dhaka funded by IDA which had already been approved by the Government in March 2008.

To ease these problems, the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), Bridges Division, Ministry of Communications, Government of Bangladesh desires to construct 32.50 km or more of Elevated Expressway in Dhaka City on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis.

**Objective and Scope:**

The Dhaka Elevated Expressway will improve road connectivity between the northern part of Dhaka City with the central, south and south eastern part linking important commercial and business centers of the city. In addition to providing a much-needed increase in traffic capacity, the Expressway will be designed to relieve existing overloaded roads. Access and distribution to the Expressway will be designed to avoid adding congestion to existing facilities. Transit and high-occupancy use of the Expressway will be encouraged. Existing roads occupy only 8% of land area of city as against an ideal proportion of 25%.

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 required to arrange the necessary financing and execute the key project documents for the project.

BBA seeks to pre-qualify interested Investor(s) and prepare a short list of pre-qualified firms and with the intention to invite eligible international firms to indicate their interests for participation in the work. The Applicant(s) should have essential experience and requisite qualifications in the financing and construction of expressways, toll roads and bridges on a BOOT /BOT/PPP basis with combined

value of not less than US\$500 Million over the last 12 years. The Investor is to take responsibility in design and execution for: a) Encouragement of public transport and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) use of the Expressway by offering preferential usage rates for such vehicles and preferably segregated exclusive bus/HOV lanes on the expressway; b) Mitigation of traffic impacts from the project so that internal congestion is relieved and not worsened by new traffic generation and c) Environmentally and socially sensitive design, with mitigation works to secure against environmental/social degradation and design for general environmental/social enhancement.

Interested applicants may form consortium with other international firms engaged in the financing, design and construction of road and bridges to enhance their qualification by forming a Joint Venture (JV).

Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the work. Pre-qualification 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 experience and qualification.
- Experiences in the following:
  - General construction experiences in the relevant field.
  - Experience in construction works of at least 10 Km of Elevated Expressway and project scope.
  - Experience in construction of elevated highways/railways in major cities with specific achievements (preferably demonstrated reduction in congestion), in traffic control and diversion and utilities relocation during the execution of construction work with a combined value of more than US\$500 Million completed within the last 12 years.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information and documents for pre-qualification application from **BBA Web Site [www.bba.gov.bd](http://www.bba.gov.bd)**.

Application for Pre-qualification should be submitted in 1 original, 2 copies and 1 soft copy, and should be delivered to the address below not later than 1100 Hrs on 20 January, 2010.

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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).

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