

BM Division Ministry of External Affairs Government of India

NOTICE INVITING

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FROM

APPLICANTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIAN ECONOMIC ZONE (IEZ) AT MONGLA (110 acres), BANGLADESH

EOI No.: I/ii/222/01/2017, Dated: 10-02-2021

This notice is issued only to elicit Expression of Interest from the parties interested in the project and does not constitute any binding commitment from the Ministry of External Affairs to proceed with the project or invite any or all the parties in the subsequent bidding process.

SECTION I

THE FRAMEWORK

THE PROJECT & ITS BENEFITS

Proposed Indian Economic Zone (IEZ) at Mongla, Bangladesh has been identified as a land parcel spread over 110 acres of area, which is contiguous to Mongla port and Mongla EPZ. It is under Kamardanga Mouza (JL # 20) in Mongla Upazilla, Bagerhat district, Khulna Division. Khulna division is one of the seven divisions of Bangladesh. It is located in the south-west of Bangladesh, with Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in north and India on the west. Its geographical coordinates are 22°30'10.13"N and 89°36'15.80"E.

Proposed Mongla IEZ is located ~105 km from Jessore and ~380 km from the capital city Dhaka. It is connected to Mongla-Bagarhat road and there is an unfinished airport at Rampal. Benapole land port is ~140 km by road.

Proposed Mongla IEZ is expected to leverage on the well-developed industrial/ urban agglomeration in Khulna and Jessore; proximity to Mongla Port and accessibility to Benapole land port would facilitate the foreign trade with India and other countries. Various infrastructure initiatives (such as Khulna-Mongla rail line, Rampal Power Plant, and Rampal Airport) are under development in the region surrounding the proposed IEZ. Once developed, the social and physical infrastructure of the region would be improved significantly. Padma Bridge, upon construction would improve the connectivity between Dhaka and Mongla and accordingly the travel time would be reduced significantly.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The Applicant should have experience in establishing economic zone, special economic zone, industrial park or free port or operation thereof, or experience in development, construction of infrastructure, management and operation of any large project. The Applicant shall have a gross revenue of USD 10 million per year within last three years for operation of economic zone, special economic zone, industrial park or free port or any large project and have a net worth of at least USD 25 million. The same should be certified by the statutory auditor of the Applicant and included as part of the submission.

INVITATION

Interested Applicants meeting the qualifying requirements above are hereby invited to submit their "Expression of Interest" (EOI) for participating in national competition. The information submitted will be treated as confidential.

SECTION-II

INFORMATION & INSTRUCTION FOR APPLICANTS

1 GENERAL:

- 1.1 Letter of Intent and forms 'A', 'B' & 'C' seeking information/documents are given in Section-III
- 1.2 All information called for in the Forms A, B & C should be furnished against the relevant columns.
- 1.3 The applicant may furnish any additional information, which is deemed necessary to establish capability to successfully complete the envisaged project.
- 1.4 The EOI document in the prescribed form duly completed and signed should be submitted (hard copy) in a sealed cover. The sealed cover super scribed "Expression of Interest for Development of an Indian Economic Zone (IEZ) at Mongla, Bangladesh" shall be delivered to the SO (BM), BM Division, 67-H, South Block, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-01, Ph: 011-23018879, Fax: 011-23014808, Email: <u>sobm@mea.gov.in</u>on or before 3rd March 2021. A soft copy, MS-PDF compatible, shall also be submitted in the same sealed cover. Documents submitted in connection with EOI will be the property of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- 1.5 Prospective applicants can seek any clarification regarding the proposal and EOI document from Ministry. A list of officials from the Ministry of External Affairs is given below:-

S. No	Name of the Person	Contact Details
1.	Under Secretary (BM)	BM Division, 68-B, South
		Block, Ministry of External
		Affairs,
		New Delhi -01,
		Ph : 011-23016242,
		Fax : 011-23014808
		Email : dsbm@mea.gov.in
2.	Director (BM)	BM Division, 67-E, South
		Block, Ministry of External
		Affairs,
		New Delhi -01,
		Ph : 011-49016778,
		Fax: 011-23014808,
		Email : dirbm@mea.gov.in

2 PARTICULARS

The particulars of the project given in **Section-I**, are only indicative subject to change and may be considered only as advance information to assist the applicant.

3 INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN IN THE REQUIRED FORMATS:

Applicant should furnish the following:

A. ORGANISATION INFORMATION (Form-A)

Applicant is required to submit the comprehensive information in respect of his organization in the Form – 'A' attached.

B. LIST OF PROJECTS (Form-B)

Applicant is required to submit the list of similar assignments/projects successfully completed /ongoing during the last seven years in Form 'B'.

C. SUGGESTIONS (Form-C)

The Applicants are requested to submit their suggestions and views that can be considered for the Project, in Form-C. Additional sheets can be used.

4 LETTER OF INTENT

The applicant should submit the Letter of Intent attached with the 'EOI' document.

5 **DISCLAIMER**

The information in this document has been prepared to assist the applicants in preparing the non-binding EOI and it is clarified that:

- a) It does not constitute an invitation to offer or an offer in relation to the transaction.
- b) This document does not constitute any contract or agreement of any kind whatsoever.

- c) This document does not, and does not purport to contain all the information that interested Applicants and their advisors would desire or require in reaching decisions as to the transaction. Interested applicant should form their own view as to what information is relevant to such decisions and make their own independent investigations in relation to any additional information.
- d) Neither the information in this document nor any other written or oral information in relation to the transaction is intended to form the basis of or the inducement for any investment activity or any decision to enter into any contract.
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- 6 After assessing the response from the applicants, further process for defining the tender will be initiated.

SECTION-III

LETTER OF INTENT

(To be typed on Applicants' Letterhead)

To, Director (BM) BM Division, 67-E, South Block, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-01, Ph: 011-49016778, Fax: 011-23014808, Email: <u>dirbm@mea.gov.in</u>

Sir,

Sub: Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) from Applicants for participating to National competitive bidding for Development of an Indian Economic Zone at Mongla, Bangladesh.

Having examined the details given in EOI Notice and EOI document for the above project, I/we hereby submit our Expression of Interest and the relevant information.

I/We hereby certify that all the statements made and information supplied in the enclosed forms 'A', 'B' & 'C' and accompanying statements are true and correct.

I/We have furnished all information and details necessary for EOI and have no further pertinent information to supply.

I/We also authorize Ministry of External Affairs or their authorized representatives to approach individuals, employers and firms to verify our competence and general reputation.

I/We submit the following certificates in support of our suitability, technical knowhow and capability for successful Development of an Indian Economic Zone at Mongla, Bangladesh

Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

Enclosures

Seal of applicant:

Date of submission:

	FORM – 'A' ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
1.	Name & Address of the applicant with
	Telephone No./ Fax No./email
2.	Year of Establishment
	Date of commencement of operations
3.	Legal status of the applicant (attach
	copies of original document defining the
	legal status)
	a)A partnership firm
	b)A limited company or Corporation/
	Joint venture/Consortia
	c) Others (Please specify)
4.	Names of Directors & other executives
	involved in this project with designation
5.	Any other information considered
	necessary but not included above.
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We have attached:-

- 1. Copies of last three Annual Reports and Annual Accounts
- 2. Brochures of the companies.
- 3. Statutory auditor's certificate certifying the Net worth of the Applicant

Signature Designation

FORM – 'B'

Details of similar projects developed and / or operated in the last seven years

Name	
Role and Responsibility in the project	
Location	
Description	
Time taken to complete the project	
Time for which the project has been	
operated	
Details of the procedures implemented to	
enhance environmental care	
Project cost	
Any other information considered	
necessary but not included above	

Signature Designation

Note: Please use separate sheet for each Project.

FORM – 'C'

Suggestions and views

Approximate time frame required to commence operation	
Approximate built up area envisaged	
Approximate investment	
Approx. building heights required	
Broad categorization of type of products to be produced in the Special Economic Zone	
Do you suggest development of the project in phased manner according to demand/requirement? Suggest the modal of phasing	
Assistance required from Ministry of External Affairs	
Power Requirement	
Water requirement per day	
Any other suggestions or views (Please attach additional sheet).	

Kindly attach a conceptual plan.

Signature Designation

