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Technical Assistance for Detailed Study and Design of  
Dhaka-Chattogram Expressway on PPP Basis  
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Subject: **Dhaka-Chattogram Expressway PPP Project**  
—Registration of Interest (ROI)

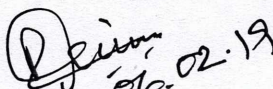
The undersigned has the honour to inform him that construction of Dhaka-Chattogram Expressway is one of the high priorities of Government. The Roads and Highways Department with the support of PPP Authority is making efforts for its fast implementation.

The Project was given in-principle approval of CCEA in March 2013. The Finance Division approved the VGF proposal for all the three packages from Dhaka to Chattogram in May 2018. The Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for the expressway were completed under ADB finance (ADB Loan 2856-BAN). PPP Authority appointed Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and ADB as Transaction Advisors for the Project.

Transaction Advisors of the project have suggested to initiate the process of 'Registration of Interest' (ROI) for the Dhaka to Cumilla Section (Package-1) of the proposed Dhaka-Chattogram Expressway. As per provision of the Procurement Guidelines for PPP Projects 2018, the ROI process could be carried out in order to obtain formalized feedback from the market in relation to PPP project subject to concurrence of PPP Authority. The ROI drafted by the Transaction Advisors has been reviewed by the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) and the Chief Engineer of RHD has given his kind consent for initiating the ROI Process.

In this context, PPP Authority is requested to provide necessary support to RHD in initiating the ROI process for Dhaka-Cumilla Section (Package-1). The draft of ROI is attached for your kind review and necessary measures including its publication.

**Enclosure** : As stated.

  
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REQUEST  
for  
REGISTRATION OF INTEREST (ROI)  
A 4 LANE APPROXIMATELY 200 KILOMETER ACCESS CONTROLLED TOLL ROAD  
ON PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BASIS

**Government Objectives:** The government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh ("GoB") aims to implement the new Dhaka Chattogram Expressway project ("DCX"). The approximately 200km DCX is envisaged to complement the existing 4-lane National Highway N1 by improving road safety and enhancing connectivity between the capital city of Dhaka and the port city of Chattogram (formerly known as Chittagong).

The GoB has further resolved to develop the Project on a Public Private Partnership ("PPP") basis with the private sector partner expected to undertake design, build, finance, operation and maintenance responsibilities. The project has been split into three distinct phases and this ROI relates to phase-1 (approx. 80 km) connecting Dhaka to Cumilla only (the "Project").

Although both feasibility study and detailed design have been undertaken through technical assistance loan provided by the Asian Development Bank ("ADB"), prospective investors may have the option to make further enhancements to meet anticipated KPIs. GoB has also mandated Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology ("BUET") and ADB as advisors for the Project.

The DCX would be part of the Asian Highway (AH 41) and therefore would play a role beyond Bangladesh. The area south of Chattogram is being developed into an energy hub and a deep seaport would be developed near Cox's Bazaar. A major traffic corridor south of Chattogram feeding into Myanmar is also anticipated. The completion of this project will provide safe and faster travel option for the users.

**Project Description:** The total length of DCX is approximately 200 km however phase-1 will be approximately 80 km and also involve Two (2) major bridges. The expected alignment has been finalised and GoB would soon commence the necessary land acquisition process.

**Next Steps & Deadline:** The objective of this ROI is to commence consultation with prospective developers, concessionaries, investors and financiers to both update them of the opportunity and seek their feedback in developing the project structure. A public information session (open house) is planned to be held sometime in 2Q-2019 for those who respond to this ROI.

Interested parties are requested to submit the following:

- Likely challenges for the prospective developer and desired support required from RHD for successful project implementation;
- General information about the prospective developer;
- Description of the prospective developer's activities in participating in similar projects in the most recent five years; and
- Copies of the two most recent audited financial statements.

Interested parties may provide additional information considered relevant including their brochures and/or corporate literature. Registration of interests along with above supporting documents must be made latest by 15 March 2019, and no later than 5.00PM Bangladesh Standard Time ("BST") by email (not exceeding 5MB) with subject line "Dhaka Chattogram Expressway PPP Project" and addressed to:

Mr. Md. Ruhul Amin, Additional Chief Engineer and Chief, PPP Cell, Roads and Highways Department, Flat # 101, 132/4, New Baily Road, Dhaka -1000 (Email: [pppcellrhd@gmail.com](mailto:pppcellrhd@gmail.com))

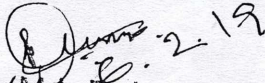
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Please note that this ROI is to commence a consultative process only. Subsequent to this ROI announcement, the PPP Authority and the RHD intend to follow an open competitive process for selection of the preferred bidder for the said project.

This ROI does not constitute an offer or a qualification process. Qualification criteria will be separately prescribed as part of the bidding process. Any prospective developers or consortia of prospective developers who do not respond to this ROI will not be restricted from participating in the open competitive bidding process for selection of the preferred bidder for the said project specified above.

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