



Government of Nepal

Ministry of Physical Planning, Works and Transport Management

Kathmandu-Terai Fast Track Project

(Kathmandu-Nijgadh-Pathlaiya Terai/Madhes Expressway Project)

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)

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The Ministry of Physical Planning, Works and Transport Management, Government of Nepal, herein after referred to as MOPPWTM, intends to obtain Expression of Interest (EOI) from Person/Firms/Joint-Ventures as Investors in order to shortlist experienced and capable Applicants for Kathmandu-Nijgadh-Pathlaiya Terai/Madhes Expressway Project, also called Kathmandu-Terai/Madhes Fast Track Project, through Public Private Partnership (PPP) on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under "Private Financing in Build and Operation of Infrastructures Act, 2063 (2006), and Private Financing in Build and Operate of Infrastructures Rules, 2064 (2007)". The EOI is to be submitted as per the details in the EOI Document, which may be purchased from the address given below.

The project involves (i) survey, design, engineering, financing, procurement, construction, operation, maintenance, and transfer of the approximately 76 km long Kathmandu to Nijgadh Expressway; and (ii) survey, design, engineering, financing, procurement, construction and transfer to MOPPWTM of an approximately 18 km long additional two-lanes expressway in the existing two lanes of the Nijgadh to Pathlaiya section of the East West Highway on Public Private Partnership/BOT basis within the provisions of the "Private Financing in Build and Operation of Infrastructure Act 2063 BS (2006)".

The project costs at 2014 including 20 % financing costs may be around 844 million US Dollar. These are preliminary estimates of indicative costs. The Applicant must visit the site, carry out necessary studies and make its own cost estimates.

Land acquisition is about 60 % complete and track opening is also complete for 60 % of the length. The alignment from Km 27 to 40 passes through difficult mountainous terrain involving a 1.35 km long tunnel and 8 nos. bridges with piers 40 m to 105m high. In the Km 41 to 67 section, there are 8 nos. bridges with pier height 40 m to 70 m. It may be possible to improve the alignment and design considerably through measures such as adopting long tunnel or several short tunnels or long single span bridges or minor realignment or two separate two lane roads instead of a one - four lane carriageway in steep areas, etc.

The project is to be completed within five years from the date of concession agreement. **The EOI Application which does not indicate the Applicant's careful review of the routes and designs and the understanding of the routes and designs to be followed shall be regarded as non-compliant and shall not be evaluated for short listing.**

Reports of Detailed Feasibility Study and preliminary designs carried out under the Technical Assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2008 may be seen in the MOPPWTM's website <http://www.MOPPW.gov.np> under "Projects". Photo copy of the feasibility stage design, drawing and report may be obtained from the contact address given below at the time of purchase of the EOI document.

The Applicant in its request for the EOI must clearly state "Application for Short-listing Kathmandu-Nijgadh-Pathlaiya Terai/Madhes Expressway Project on PPP/BOT Basis", and indicate clearly the Applicant's name, address and contact Phone and Mobile numbers. The Application shall be addressed to:

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The EOI document will be available from 11 July-2012 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of NRs 20,000 (Nepalese Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) in the form of a demand draft drawn in favour of MOPPWTM or the submission to MOPPWTM of a bank-voucher of equivalent amount in Nepalese Rupees deposited in MOPPWTM Revenue Account No. Ka 1-1- 023 (MOPPWTM Code 27-48-17) at the Nepal Rastra Bank, Thapathali, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) document must be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked as "Application for Short-listing for the execution of Kathmandu-Nijgadh-Pathlaiya Terai/Madhes Expressway Project (the "Project") through Public-Private Partnership (the "PPP") on Build, Operate and Transfer (the "BOT") basis".

And shall clearly indicate the name and address of the Applicant. In addition, the Application Due Date should be indicated on the right hand corner of each of the envelopes and, must reach to above address not later than 12th November 2012 (Application Due Date) at 12:00 hours (Nepalese Standard Time). Details are provided in the EOI document.

All applications received by MOPPWTM after the Application Due Date and time shall be considered late and will be rejected. If the Application Due Date is declared to be a public holiday in Nepal, the next working day and time will be the next Application Due Date and time. An application received from an Applicant who has not purchased the EOI documents as specified above will be rejected.

Only the Applicants having past experience in Infrastructure projects of over US \$ 1500 million or BOT in Highways and Bridges projects of over US\$ 500 million over the past ten years and a network of US\$150 million or more, jointly or severally, may apply.

The evaluation criteria is given in section 3 of the EOI document. Applicants are encouraged to involve Competent Nepalese contractors with the objectives of technology transfer, capacity building and reductions in the foreign currency involved. For further information and inquiries about the EOI, applicants should contact the above address. For EOI evaluation, the Consortium/Company involving Nepali Contractor/s as equity partner shall be given preference by giving additional points in the total score in proportion to the equity share of the Nepali Contractor/s subject to a maximum of 10 (ten) percent.

Note: Applicants are advised to arrange collection of EOI documents by their own designated representatives, and ensure themselves receipt of complete EOI documents; MOPPWTM will not assume any responsibility for dispatching the EOI documents and/or for missing of any documents during the transmittal.

Project Manager