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Expression of Interest (EoI)

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Contract Identification No: DMO/JHAPA/DPR/BS/07/072-073.

1. Government of Nepal (GON), Damak Municipality (DM) intends to construct Tallest Statue of Lord Buddha at Damak Municipality in Jhapa District of Nepal basically to enhance the Tourism Development. In this regard, the Municipality (DM) intends to procure consulting services for Preparation of Master Plan and Detailed Project Report for the construction of Tallest Buddha Statue in the World. The DM intends to prepare list of competent & experienced consulting firms to conduct said study. The funding for the study will be done by Government of Nepal.
2. This Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) is called to invite applications from interested, eligible and experienced Consultant or their Joint Ventures (JV) having minimum 25 years of experience (In case of JV, lead partner of JV must qualify the minimum years of experience as stated) in respective field of consulting business. The Consultant may enter into JV or association with other firm/firms. In addition, in order to be eligible, the Consulting Firms should be registered in member countries of WB/ADB/JICA or other international donors along with SCAEF which should be registered in Nepal under GoN rules & regulations.
3. Expression of Interest Invitation could be obtained by paying Rs 1000 at Damak Municipality Office during office hours on all government working days or the amount can be deposited in Rastriya Banijaya Bank , Damak Jhapa Ac. No. 306030403004301 within 15th day of first publication of this notice from Procurement Unit of DM or can be downloaded from the website damakmun.gov.np . The instructions to applicants, prescribed formats, evaluation criteria, detail information about project as well as the indicative scope of work is provided in EoI document.
4. Duly completed EoI documents in hard copy should be submitted to the address mentioned below clearly mentioning the name of the project in sealed envelopes at or before 12:00 (Nepal Standard Time) within 16th day of first date of publication of this notice :

Executive Officer,
Damak Municipality Office
Damak, Jhapa, Nepal
Tel: 00977-023580137, 023580044

5. If the deadline specified herein falls on a government holiday, the deadline shall be extended automatically to the next working day at the same hour.
6. Duly completed EoI documents received after the due date & time, shall be considered late, summarily rejected and return un-opened.

7. The completed EoI documents received by due date and within specified time will be opened at 14.00 (NST) on 16th day of first date of publication of this notice in the presence of the applicants or their authorized representative who-so-ever wish to attend. Absence of the applicant or their authorized representative, however, shall not obstruct or prevent the opening of the EoI in any way.
8. The EoI documents submitted by the applicants shall be evaluated on the basis of the evaluation criteria approved by DM. The evaluation of joint venture consultants will be done in cumulative basis. Applicants obtaining at least 60 % marks in the EoI evaluation process shall be shortlisted in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2063 and Public Procurement Regulation, 2064 of GoN. The shortlisted consultants will be notified in due course of time for the submission of Technical and Financial proposals. The Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedure will be used for final selection of the consultant.
9. DM reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoI documents with or without giving any reason whatsoever.
10. Further information can be obtained from above address of DM during office hours in all working days three days prior to deadline of submission of EoI.

1. Introduction

Tourism development is regarded as one of the best parts of rapid economic growth in the development country like Nepal. Thus, the government of Nepal has prioritised tourism development. It is because tourism has never been a failure industry. Most countries in the world have launched different activities in order to attract tourism development and tourists. Cultural tourism in it's a small part, in which Buddhist tourists could be attracted constructing bigger Buddha Statues. Such phenomena are competitively launched in the South and South-East Asian countries. This can be proven from the big statue of Buddha recently constructed in Hong Kong and Bhutan.

The Government of Nepal has taken the policy to construct a big statue of Buddha in Damak Municipality. However, it is necessary to make decision on the type of Buddha Statue to be constructed. The government of Nepal, has the birthplace of Lord Buddha hypothesized to study Buddhism a tourism village in Damak municipality and Buddha philosophy by teaching and publicity to create peaceful environment and develop tourism attracting the tourists. Hence, the Damak Tourism Park is proposed to construct in Damak Municipality Ward No. 5, Humse-Dumse with the area 13.54 hectare in the endeavour of Damak Municipality. It is aimed to construct a big statue of Buddha and make it Buddha Gram in this Buddhism related park. Damak Municipality will construct this park as per the policy of Nepal government. The main objective of this park is to enhance local development attracting the tourist in this area, to create employment in the local level, publicise Buddhism and to raise in the income of local people. The aim to establish such big statue of Buddha to attract Buddhists has become a global phenomena and it is similar objective that is exercised here. Recently, the larger statues of Buddha constructed in Bhutan and Hong Kong are examples that have imparted the sense of glory and pride to the entire Buddhist tourists, and it is the obvious aim to construct Buddha park.

Damak Birat Buddha Village will consist of the Statue of Buddha with the height of 540 feet having five storeys inside the statue. Among them, the ground floor will be the museum, the first floor will be library, the second floor will be the residence of monks (Buddhist mendicants) and Sanatorium, Buddha Convent in the third floor, and the fourth floor will be for the thousand Buddha. These storey will be inner part and under the immense statue of Buddha. These four storeys (five including ground floor) will be under the seat of Buddha. Its height will be 250 feet. It will be 'earthquake resistant' construction using cement, rebars etc. and there will be storey over the stomach, shoulder and head of Buddha. But over the lap part of the statue will made of brass. This Buddha statue will be ceremonial.

The Big Buddha Statue will be surrounded by circumambulation track garden, inn and residential buildings. Such residential buildings will be separate for the monks and other visitors. Thus, they will be with and with out cost. The base land area of the statue will be appropriate as per its height of the statue 540 feet. The perimeter of the total base area will be divided in two-halves and one-half will be provided for the purpose of Hinayan Buddhists and the rest half will be for the Lama Buddhists. In this way all types of Buddhists will find 'Damak Birat Buddha Village' as the common centre of belief. It is proposed to make the this area centre of belief for all the Buddhists living in the world. Constructing only monasteries can only preserve the belief of the Lama Buddhists, Mahayan and Hinayan. So Damak Birat Buddha will be the sacred place for Buddha education, peace, free health centre and spiritual dimension. There will be a Buddha Convent and a monastery in the Big Buddha of Damak. It will be regarded the soul of Big Buddha.

The responsibility to operate this Damak Birat Buddha Village, its protection, custody and management will be given to the Buddhist mendicants. This statue will be constructed by the Nepalese sculptures and it will be the highest Buddha statue in the world. It will glorify Nepal in the world. Moreover, it will assist for the local development and it will reflect the equal development of Buddha religion in all parts of the country. It will on the other hand, attract the Buddhists of the world and other tourists to visit this holy place. Thus, the rising son in the Buddha convent will be amazing site.

Although Damak Birat Buddha Village project is launched by the Government of Nepal and Damak Municipality. Damak Municipality will form an inclusive committee from all walk of life. The construction work will be commenced after completing the registration process in the District Administration Office. Its ownership will be in Nepal Government and Damak Municipality.

2. Scope of Works :

(a) Preparing A Greater Master Plan Incorporating following Structures

3. The construction of Birat Buddha Statue
 - B. The Construction of Museum:
 - C. Construction of Visiting Library
 - D. The Residence for the Buddhist Monks
 - E. Thousand Buddha Statue
 - F. Installation of Buddha's Eight Metallic Statues:
 - G. Integral Peace Lamp
 - H. Statue of Little Buddha
 - I. Meditation Hall
 - J. Incense wood sticks burning Hall
 - K. Construction of Shanti-Park (Peace-Park)
 - L. Entrance and road Construction
 - M) Construction of the Buddhist University:
 - N) The Buddhist temples and monasteries:
 - O) Karana Hospital Construction
 - P) Artistic circling boundary zone/ area:
 - Q) Installation of the Buddhist residual bone:
 - R) Construction of a large pond:
 - S) High-low topography
 - T) Plantation:
 - U) Conservation of bio-diversity:
 - V) Formation of the Buddhist circuit:
 - W) Miscellaneous

(b) Detailed Design of Birat Buddha Statue

The exciting Damak Birat Buddha Village will be constructed in Damak Municipality Ward No. 5, Humse Dumse within the land area of 13.4 hectare. There will be big ceremonial Buddha statue constructed in the identical form of Tiyatan in Hong Kong, Thailand and Bhutan's enormous statues.

It will be the world's highest and biggest Buddha Statue with 540 feet high and its surrounding ring of land will be in its proportion. This Big Buddha will be on the lotus-seat facing southern part, i.e. Damak Bazar. Buddha will be shown in the fearlessness mood with a beggar's bowl in his hand. The statue will have Mathura and Palsen artistic style effect and this will be clearly felt and seen. It will reflect the inner feelings of Nepal artists. It will be the national glory because the statue will be made by purely Nepalese sculptures. There will be use of concrete and iron rods to construct the statue having different storeys upto the lap of Buddha Statue, Buddha Convent, Museum, meeting hall library, meditation and exhibition halls. Buddha's Statue above the lotus-seat will be made of brass, which will be the glory of Nepal as well as South Asia because of the brass covered statue.

The Damak Birat Buddha Village will have the Big Buddha statue, which is ceremonial, and therefore will have monastery and Buddha convent inside the statue. On the ground floor of the statue, there will be a stature of Lord Buddha (Shakyamuni Buddha) and his helpers' statues in his sides for the worships. The statue will be divided in two-halves from the ground floor to the top and one will be provided for the Himalayan Buddha and the other for the purpose of South Asian Buddhists like Himaya or Thiras. There will be provisions of prayers' hall, lightening lamps and teaching halls. The bottom part of the statue will consist of Buddha convent and its contents as well as management for worshipping Buddha. Its upper storeys will be developed for museum. There will be five meditative Buddha's, seven human Buddha's and thousand Buddhas' statues with Lord Buddha inside the ceremonial Buddha statue. There will be collection of various Buddha statue to

be worshipped by the various Buddhist devotees. The Buddha statue will be immense and it will beautify the surrounding areas.

In the Buddha village of Damak, one storey of Big Buddha statue will be made a provision for thousand Buddhas. Both sides, there will be thousand statues of Buddha for both Buddhist devotees. Specially, there is tradition to place all Buddhas in Buddhism. When a person pays for 'Buddha Daan' there will be a Buddha in his name in that hall. After paying Buddha Daan with certain amount of money, his/her Buddha will be placed if his/her name in the thousand Buddha Hall. But all the Buddhas kept in this hall in the name of person; the statues will be identical in size and looks. Inside the ceremonial statue of Big Buddha, there will be monastery and Buddha convent for worship, there will be enlightenment statue as per requirement. There will be three types of Buddha statue in one storey because there will be thousand Buddhas.

There will be a big monument in the Birat Buddha village in Damak. There will be Tsyorten of Himalayan Buddhists in front of the monastery in another place. There will be other statue by these monuments as per requirement. In this way, the Buddha village in Damak will be absolutely a peaceful Buddha garden.

3. **Criteria for Short listing**

The following criteria will be applicable for evaluating the submitted Expression of Interests for preparing a list of qualified Consulting Firm(s) to whom the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be made available at a later stage. There are two parts of Short Listing Criteria: (1) Eligibility Criteria (Pass/Fail); (2) Ranking Criteria (according to PWD).

Eligibility Criteria (Pass/Fail) (Mandatory)

All Consulting Firm(s) **must** fulfill the following eligibility criteria to be considered for short listing.

1	Corporate Registration	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
2	VAT Registration Certificate	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
3	Tax Clearance or/ Renewal of Tax Certificate FY 2071/72	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
4	Adherence to Code of Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
5	Minimum years of Standing (Lead Partner of JV must have minimum 25 years of standing)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
6	Membership of Scaef	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
7	Registered in member countries of WB/ADB/JICA/ or other international donors and SCAEF (Applicable to lead partner in case of JV)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
8	Must Work with GTZ, JICA, ADB, World Bank, UNICEF, UNDP, Diplomatic Missions (British Embassy, Indian Embassy etc) and GoN	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
9	Average Annual Turnover NRS 30 Million (Applicable to lead partner in case of JV)	Yes/No	Pass/Fail
The Firm can form a JV with maximum of two other firms for the qualification enhancements and clearly mention the Lead Firm with financial liabilities.			

4. **Ranking Criteria**

The Consulting Firm(s) submitting the Expression of Interest will be selected on the basis of the information on the following ranking criteria:

SN	Particulars	Allocated Max. marks
1	General Experience of the firm(s) in consulting services in Civil Engineering works	10
2	Work experience of the firm(s) in Similar Projects	15
3	Experiences of Works in Similar Geographical Region/Area.	5

	Financial Capacity	10
4	Availability of permanently employed Professional Key Staff with Suitable Qualifications	10
5	Technical Manpower (Human Resources with qualifications and experiences)	30
6	Office set up and Logistics	15
7	Self Declaration and Code of Ethics	5
	Total	100

The firms shall be short-listed (ranked) according to the above criteria. The Firm/JV must score minimum 70% on each criteria and at least 60% on the overall ranking criteria as mentioned above. Only a maximum number of six top rankings shall be qualified for short listing.

5. Information to the Firms

The Consulting Firm(s) are required to complete the following forms in addition to other information regarding their organization. Information submitted need to be supported with necessary proving documents. In case of a JV please complete these forms individually for each partner, putting their forms together in sequence. A firm can have JV with only one another firm.

1. General Experience of the Firm(s) in Consulting Services in Civil Engineering Works during the last 10 years*

Feasibility Study, Detailed Survey and Design, Geotechnical Study of Road or Bridge or Water Supply and Sanitation or Building, EIA / IEE works.

S. No	Name of the Project (Consulting services)	Contract Amount of Consulting Services	Year of Completion

* Should be supported by work Completion Certificates Provided by the Clients and project Data Sheets.

2. Work Experience in similar projects during the last 10 years*

DPR, Master Planning, Detailed Survey and Design, Construction Supervision, Retrofitting Study/ Design and other study of Building Complexes, Conservation Related Structures, Historical Monuments, Temples and other structures related to the building related studies of any type of Projects

S. No	Name of the Project (Consulting services)	Contract Amount of Consulting Services	Year of Completion
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* Should be supported by work Completion Certificates Provided by the Clients and project Data Sheets.

3. Experiences in Geographical Region/Area*

Experience in different Geographical area or region during the last 5 years.

S. No	Name of the Project	Location of the project	Year of Completion	Contract Amount of Consulting Services

* Should be supported by work Completion Certificates Provided by the Clients and Project Data Sheets.

4. Availability of Technical, Administrative and Supporting Staff with Suitable Qualifications

The Technical, Administrative & Supporting Staffs should be permanent for last 3 years.

Type	Name	Designation	Qualification	Experience in years
Key Technical staff: Urban Planner Architect Structural Engineer Geo Technical Engineer Geologist Environmentalist Highway Engineer Economist / Financial Analyst Hydrologist Sociologist Civil Engineer Electrical Engineer Water Supply and Sanitary Engineer HVAC Expert Procurement Expert Surveyor	(1).... (2)....			
Supporting staff: CAD Operator Assistant Surveyor Overseer Admin/Accountant Computer operators helpers etc.	(1).... (2)....			

Note: This staffs are not necessarily among the key personnel for the particular project. The firm(s) shall submit the CVs of the key personnel to be involved in the project at a later stage if selected in first stage.

5. Financial Capacity

Annual Turnover of the Firm(s) for the previous Five Fiscal years.

S.No.	Year	Annual Turnover (NRs.)
1	2071/72	
2	2070/71	
3	2069/70	
4	2068/69	
5	2067/68	

Note: the above information should be supported by the auditor's reports of the corresponding fiscal year.

6. Office Equipment and Facilities

List the office equipment, vehicles & facilities available with and owned by the firm(s)

S. No	Equipment/Facility	Quantities	Specifications
1	Office Space		
2	Computer + Printer + Scanner + Photocopy + Plotter Facilities		
3	Vehicle Facilities		
4	Survey Equipment		
5	Licensed Design Software		
6	Own Soil Lab		
7			

The Proposal must fulfill all the requirements mentioned in the notice and the followings.

A successful Firm or JV shall secure minimum 70% of the total marks and minimum qualifying marks for Experience in Similar jobs during the last 10 years shall 50% of that segment.

7. Self Declaration and Code of Ethics

Self Declaration

The Applicant shall submit Self Declaration as per clause 40 – 2 (e) of Public Procurement Regulation, 2064 mentioning that the consulting firm/firms are not ineligible to participate in this procurement process, that the consulting firm/firms does not have any conflict of interest in the proposed assignment, and that the consulting firm/firms has not received any punishment while doing consulting business and litigation history (if any). In case of JV and/or association, each individual consultant shall submit Self Declaration separately or they can submit the Self Deceleration jointly by signing each member of JV and/or association mentioning information requested in Self Declaration. The self declaration letter shall be signed by an authorized person of the consulting firm/firms and shall be stamped by the company's seal.

Commitment of Code of Ethics and Anti-corruption Policy

The applicant shall submit a statement stating that the Consultant shall abide by the code of ethics and anti-corruption policy.