

GLOBAL INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

KOCHI METRO RAIL PROJECT ON BOT

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, INDIA.

Selection of Concessionaire for the Design, Procure, Finance, Build, Operate, Maintain and Transfer of Kochi Metro Rail Project

The Opportunity: The Government of Kerala is initiating commissioning processes for implementing Kochi Metro Rail on BOT basis. EOIs are invited from eligible National and International entities for Design, Procure, Finance, Build, Operate, Maintain and Transfer of Kochi Light Metro Rail Project. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation will be assisting the Government of Kerala in the concessioning process.

The City: Kochi is the strategic, commercial and trading hub of Kerala and a major educational, tourism and IT/ITES destination. It also boasts one of India's major gateway ports, the country's biggest shipyard and a major naval base. The city, which thrives on its tertiary sector, has envisioned building its "tomorrow's" urban transport infrastructure "today".

The Project: The Metro Rail Project will have a length of 25.253 Kms on the Alwaye - Petta stretch. The Concession period shall be of 30 years from date of commissioning of the Project in 2010 and the Project will be constructed as per systems configurations and specifications already firmed up in Detailed Project Report. The bid variable shall be minimum grant required from the Government for the Project.

The Eligible Applicants: The Applicants may be a single entity or a consortium, coming together to implement the Project. In case of group of entities/consortium the number of consortium partners shall be limited to 4 and the consortium as a whole must satisfy both Technical and Financial eligibility criteria and members will be jointly and severally responsible. The criteria are as under:

■ Technical Qualification:

- ▶ The Applicants must have prior experience of developing, operating, and maintaining a rail based urban mass transit system.
- ▶ The Applicants should have constructed major metro/rail/highway/bridge/viaduct to the tune of Rs. 8 billion in the last five years.

■ Financial Qualification:

The Applicants shall fulfill the following minimum criteria based on last three years of their audited annual reports.

- ▶ Net Worth: Rs. 4 billion or US \$ 90 million
- ▶ Average Annual Turnover: Rs. 12 billion or US \$ 260 million
- ▶ Net Average Annual Accrual: Rs. 4 billion or US \$ 90 million

All documentary evidences of experience including client's references and certificates must be enclosed in support of the same. For financial qualification, in case of consortium only those members shall be considered who hold 26% or more equity.

The Application Procedure: The detailed Expression of interest document and Project brief may be obtained from the address given below on payment of non-refundable Rs. 35,000 or US \$ 800 (Rs. 10,000 towards cost of application and Rs. 25,000 towards processing of documents) by way of demand draft in favour of Managing Director, KINFRA, Thiruvananthapuram payable at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. This advertisement is also available on Government of Kerala website www.kerala.gov.in.

Relevant Dates

Sale of EOI begins	18/01/2006
Last date for submission of queries	04/02/2006
Pre-bid meeting	15/02/2006
Last date for sale of EOI	20/02/2006
Last date for submission of Completed EOI document	28/02/2006 at 1700 Hrs IST

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