

General Procurement Notice (GPN) For Project Preparation Special Fund (PPSF) financed Procurement

Country: *People's Republic of Bangladesh*

Project: *Construction of New Dual Gauge Railway Line from Bogura to Sirajganj*

Project No./Grant No.: *S000713*

Project Implementing Agency/Entity: *Bangladesh Railway*

1. The Government of Bangladesh has received the Project Preparation Special Fund (PPSF) in the amount of USD 400,000 from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the preparation of the *Construction of New Dual Gauge Railway Line from Bogura to Sirajganj Project*, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this Project Preparation Special Fund (PPSF) project.
2. The loan project objective is to enhance the connectivity, resiliency, and travel efficiency of railway transport between Bogura and Sirajganj through the development of a strategic railway line directly linking these two districts. The investment project will include the construction of a dual-gauge railway line of approximately 85.67 main line and 33.25 km loop line, together with 11 stations, bridges, culverts, and modern signaling and telecommunications systems.
3. The procurement to be carried out under the PPSF project includes consulting services that will support the PIU in conducting a comprehensive due diligence of the already prepared documents (i.e., feasibility study, detailed engineering design, E&S instruments), updating the documents, and providing preparation support to the Project Implementation Unit (PIU).
4. Procurement of contracts financed by the Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the Bank's Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR, July 2024) and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the PIR.
5. Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, on the Bank's external website and Bangladesh Railway's website, as well as local newspapers.
6. Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the PIU at the address below.

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