



MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY
Male', Republic of Maldives,

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. The Government of Maldives, represented by the Ministry of Finance and Treasury ("The Ministry") invites Expression of Interest from reputed firms under "Build, Own, Operate and Transfer" (BOOT) mechanism for the setting up of scanning facility along with maintenance and technical training in image analysis for Maldives Customs Service at Male' Commercial harbor and Male' International Airport, which would be fully integrated into the existing risk assessment regime of the Customs.
2. The successful bidder shall take full responsibility for the operational aspects of the scanning process (excluding image viewing and interpretation), including the support services required, such as maintenance services, while leaving the policy decision process to Customs.

The scope of work shall cover the following during the project period;

- a. Purchase of new scanner(s);
 - b. Provision of supporting hardware and software;
 - c. Investment in the infrastructure and supporting utilities;
 - d. Set up, operation and maintenance of the scanner(s);
 - e. Recruitment and training of all local operation staff;
 - f. Assistance in the selection of Customs image interpreters;
 - g. Training and mentoring of Customs Image Interpreter;
 - h. Integration of scanner with Customs processes and offer integration support to Customs (as required);
 - i. Transfer of technology and skills to Customs officials;
 - j. Training of officials to take over the management of the project at the end of the project period; and
 - k. Transfer of the scanner(s) and the operation at no charge to the Government at the end of the BOOT project period.
3. Interested and eligible firms or consortia of firms with relevant experience, knowhow and operational capacity with prior experience of carrying out such projects are requested to submit the EOI to undertake the project with the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The developer shall design the project which shall be approved by Maldives Customs Services and implement the same on BOOT mechanism.

- b. Under the BOOT terms and conditions, the project shall be completed by the successful bidder within an up to 10 years.
 - b. Recovery shall be based on a non-excessive security charge levied on the weight/volume of cargo scanned. Royalty if any paid to the Government of Maldives shall be proposed by the bidder.
 - c. The ownership of the scanning infrastructure will reside with the bidder during the project period but shall be transferred at no cost to Government once the project expires.
4. The EOI shall consist the following:
 - a. Brief introduction of the applicant, including current management of similar services, and a profile of the firm or consortia.
 - b. Furnish details of Turnover, Net worth, Profit and Cash Accruals for the last five years. Enclose Annual Audited Financial statements for the last five years.
 - c. Individual firm can associate with local/international firms to enhance their qualifications and experience.
 - d. Any other information the bidder desires to submit to emphasize his strength on the project.
5. Interested parties may obtain further information from Maldives Customs Service (Contact nos. 3334195 / 3334233).
6. The EOI shall be submitted in a sealed envelope superscribed "Expression of Interest for the Setting up of scanning facility on BOOT for Maldives Customs Service". The complete EOI indicating firm's interest in taking up the work, with all relevant information as requested above along with supporting documents shall be submitted in two copies on or before **21st January 2010 (Thursday) 1400** hours to:

Director General
Tender Evaluation Section
Ministry of Finance and Treasury
Male' Republic of Maldives
Tel: 334 9101, Fax: 332 0706
Email: tender@finance.gov.mv

7. Ministry of Finance and Treasury reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason thereto. Applications received after the deadline shall not be considered. Ministry shall take no responsibility for any postal or other delays that may be caused in receiving the EOI.