

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Safe Transportation Environment Project was launched in May 2013 covering Afghan forward transit cargo. FBR now intends to enhance the project to cover the entire spectrum of bonded cargo transportation, including but not limited to Afghan forward and retro cargo, inter port movement, Transshipment to and from dry ports and transit cargo, from Customs point of entry to Customs point of exit, maintaining enroute integrity of cargo on real-time basis. Implementing agencies of this project shall be the FBR and the tracking company/s and the same shall be partners of this project. In this Project no GOP funds are involved. Investment is to be made by the service provider and cost to be borne by Bonded Carriers and owners of cargo.
2. The services to be provided by the company/s, qualification required and documents to be submitted are prescribed in Tracking and Monitoring of Cargo Rules, 2012, available on FBR's website and in the office of the undersigned. The company/s must provide a system based solutions on the basis of GSM/ GPRS/ Satellite Communication or other modern technology for monitoring and tracking on real time basis having the features as prescribed in the above Rules. The tracking company shall be required to demonstrate safe recovery in case prime mover, vehicle or the container is hijacked, separated or towed away.
3. A Central Control Room and Regional Monitoring Rooms shall be designed, furnished and made operational by the company/s in the Model Customs Collectorates as deemed appropriate by FBR. To operate the system, the company/s shall arrange comprehensive technical and operational training for the Customs/ IT staff and carry out quarterly appraisal review of the efficacy and functioning of the system through FBR. The FBR shall have propriety ownership of the data developed by the selected company/s and the system forensic audit. The selected company/s shall undertake to upgrade, as per the new technological requirements, the installed IT structure related software, communication equipments etc. as and when required. The company/s shall accommodate their system within the premises as desired by respective Collectors of Customs and the company/s will dove tail their systems to synchronize with Customs Computerized System and other selected companies. The company/s shall ensure a back-up Disaster/ Business Recovery and Business Continuation System. The company/s must specify the expected delivery and implementation time.
4. The company/s shall run and manage the system under proper warrantee and maintenance during the contract period for 3 years extendable further on satisfactory performance of the company. FBR reserves the right to terminate the contract without notice at any time during the period of the contract and no liability whatsoever shall accrue to FBR on this account.
5. Short-listed companies shall be required to give practical demonstration of the project requirements as per EO/ Terms of Reference taking into consideration physical/ environmental criteria (extremes of heat/ cold).
6. Interested companies are encouraged to obtain information regarding Terms of Reference as notified by FBR vide SRO 413(I)/2012 dated 25.04.20121, "Tracking and Monitoring of Cargo Rules, 2012" available on FBR's website www.fbr.gov.com or from the office given below between 0900 hours to 1600 hours on any working day. Expression of Interest showing technical and financial proposals for delivery of aforementioned services must be delivered to the office of the undersigned not later than **15th April, 2015**.

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