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Call for Expression of Interest (EOI-3) for the Design and Construction of a Multi-Purpose Building for MNU's College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Centre for Maritime Studies, and Other Facilities

The Maldives National University (MNU) invites local and international entities with a proven track record in financial stability and construction expertise to submit an Expression of Interest for the design and development of a multi-purpose building in Villimale, Maldives. This project aligns with MNU's vision of "nation building" and its strategic goals: academic excellence; exemplary research and innovation; quality people; sustainable finance; wider engagement with society; student empowerment and success; and national, regional, and international cooperation.

1.0 The Project

The proposed multi-purpose building will house MNU's College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, along with the Centre for Maritime Studies, student and staff accommodation, and conference and event facilities. The project includes the design and construction of academic facilities such as auditoriums, classrooms, seminar rooms, laboratories, and other essential infrastructure to support teaching, research, and administrative activities. The proposed building will also provide student accommodation and conference and event facilities, including an event hall.



2.0 Scope

1. Academic facilities include a state-of-the-art auditorium, classrooms, seminar rooms, laboratories, a library, and research spaces.
2. Related infrastructure includes administrative offices, meeting rooms, an IT and multimedia centre, facilities for support services, and recreational areas.
3. The on-campus accommodation facilities include residence rooms for students (for a minimum of 50 students), dining, and recreational facilities such as a fitness centre.
4. The conference and events facilities include the auditorium, event hall, conference rooms, and ample green spaces.
5. Construction of marine engineering workshops, and liquid cargo handling simulator rooms.
6. The project also includes the implementation of necessary infrastructure, such as power supply, water supply, sewage, IT and telecommunication networks, and other necessary areas and

facilities as per the approved drawings and infrastructure, including solar panels and ramps for easy access to cater for special needs students.

3.0 Design and Construction Considerations

The proposed multi-purpose building consists of the following five components within an area of approximately 27000 sq ft: (1) College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences; (2) Center for Maritime Studies; (3) Essential state-of-the-art infrastructure for teaching and research; (4) Student and faculty accommodation and space for related services; and (5) Conference and event facilities. Design and construction must comply with the relevant regulations of the country.

4.0 Tentative Timeline

Announcement and call for submission of EOI	23 July 2024
Expression of Interest Information Session	5 August 2024
Deadline for the submission of Expression of Interest	22 August 2024
Shortlisting of parties	1 September 2024
Request for Proposals (RFP) sent to shortlisted parties	15 September 2024
Deadline for submission of proposals	3 October 2024



5.0 Eligibility

1. Experience in successfully implementing real estate properties, large-scale construction, and infrastructure development projects; preferably those with experience in designing and constructing academic institutions, including facilities for fisheries, marine, or education.
2. Investors with demonstrated financial capability, both local and foreign.

6.0 Evaluation Process

1. The EOI does not constitute a solicitation, and MNU reserves the right to modify or cancel the requirements at any point during the EOI or solicitation process. Submitting an EOI does not guarantee automatic consideration for the solicitation when it is issued.
2. Upon receiving the expression of interest, a preliminary assessment will be conducted based on the background and capabilities of the parties involved to shortlist potential candidates.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for in-depth discussions and site visits and will receive a Request for Proposals based on the discussions held.
4. Selected parties may also suggest business models that align with their preferences.

5. All queries and clarifications shall be directed via email before 3rd August 2024, 2359 hours (Maldives time) to projects@mnu.edu.mv.

7.0 Composition of EOI

1. A cover letter detailing the designated contact person for the project (name, address, telephone number, and email address of the applicant) who must be authorized to sign legal agreements and make contractual decisions on behalf of the firm.
2. Information about the individual, firm, company, or consortium, including profiles, expertise, and resource capacity.
3. Brief profiles of senior management personnel.
4. Documentation demonstrating experience in financing and executing projects of similar scale and complexity, including:
 - a) Total value of projects completed in the last five years
 - b) Performance in similar projects over the past five years, ongoing work, contracted projects, and references for further information.
5. Documents verifying financial capacity to undertake the project, such as, but not limited to:
 - a) Proof of working capital adequacy for the project, access to credit lines, and other financial resources.
 - b) Authority to seek references from the individual, firm, company, or consortium's bankers.
6. The most optimal model to structure the project or proposed business models for the project.

8.0 Submission of Expressions of Interest

Interested parties are invited to submit expressions of interest in accordance with the above guidelines provided by MNU by 22 August 2024, 2359 hrs (Maldives time) in electronic form to:

Email: projects@mnu.edu.mv

Email subject: EOI-3 for the Design and Construction of College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Centre for Maritime Studies along with Other Facilities.

