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## **Call for Expression of Interest (EOI-4) for Design and Construction of a Student Accommodation Facility with Canteen at GDh. Thinadhoo, Maldives**

The Maldives National University (MNU) is inviting local and international entities with a proven track record in financial stability and construction expertise to submit an Expression of Interest to design, build and construct a student accommodation facility with a canteen at MNU's GDh. Thinadhoo campus. The initiative 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 project entails the further enhancement of the facilities at the GDh. Thinadhoo campus. The proposed student accommodation facility will encourage more students from nearby islands to study at the campus. The canteen at the facility will not only serve as a dining venue but also as a hub for socializing. The project encourages to integration of green building practices, where the project will underscore MNU's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

### **2.0 Scope of Work**

1. Design and construction of Student Accommodation Facility.
2. Design and construction of a canteen at the campus.
3. Establishment of relevant state-of-the-art facilities.
4. Implementation of necessary infrastructure such as power supply, water supply, sewage, and telecommunications.
5. 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**

This Student Accommodation Facility will consist of various components with an area of approximately 11,468 sqft: including residence rooms for students (for a minimum of 50 students), dining, and recreational facilities such as a fitness centre, a canteen and a lounge area.

#### **4.0 Tentative Timeline**

Announcement and call for submission of EOI	23 July 2024
Expression of Interest Information Session	6 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 education/restaurant relevant)
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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024, 2359 hours (Maldives time) to [projects@mnu.edu.mv](mailto: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, 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, 2359hrs (Maldives time) in electronic form to:

**Email:** [projects@mnu.edu.mv](mailto:projects@mnu.edu.mv)

**Email subject:** EOI-4 for Design and Construction of Thinadhoo Student Accommodation Facility and Canteen

