

## **Request for Proposals announced for Tibar Bay Port PPP**

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The Request for Proposals (RfP) for the Tibar Bay Port PPP has been announced to the four shortlisted bidders on May 14, 2014.

The RfP is a detailed instruction issued by the Government of Timor-Leste represented by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for the bidders on how to prepare their project proposals. The bids will comprise three parts: Legal Documents, Technical Bid, and Financial Bid, according to the specifications in the RfP. In addition, the bidders have access to a virtual Data Room with relevant information.

The four prequalified bidders are 1) Mota-Engil – Ambiente e Serviço, SGPS, S.A. (MEAS), 2) Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (POSNCO), 3) International Container Terminal Services Inc. (ICTSI), and 4) Bolloré Africa Logistics (Bolloré AL).

The bidders will be invited to a pre-bid conference and site visit in week of 16 June. The bid submission deadline is 22 October, 2014. After the evaluation of the technical and financial bids, the announcement of the preferred bidder is expected on November 27, 2014.

The Government of Timor-Leste has set up a Project Evaluation Team, comprising among others representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and the National Procurement Commission, with advisory support from IFC transaction specialists, which shall be responsible for conducting the entire bidding process, and in particular for the opening and evaluation of bids. The Government of Timor-Leste is seeking to award the Tibar Bay Port PPP project through a fair and transparent competitive bidding process in accordance with Timor-Leste laws and international best practice.

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