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Call for Expressions of Interest for Cooperation Partners for Agreement of Cooperation Towards an Integrated Transport System: **Demonstration Bus Rapid Transit Corridors in Cairo, Egypt**

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1. Introduction

In a rapidly urbanizing world, increasing traffic congestion is hampering economic activities while at the same time the poor are disadvantaged by the lack of access to decent public transport. Reductions on reliance on personal motor vehicle use through promotion of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel (NMT) is key if cities are to be engines for economic development. In particular, the development of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) has shown that that cities can greatly enhance the movement of people and urban freight at the same time alleviating problems associated with reduced access to transport and poor mobility due to congestion. The development of BRT will also help transform cities to be more livable with cleaner environment from reduced air and noise pollution.

The “Cairo Extended City Model” developed by the Egyptian Transportation Centre for Excellence under the Ministry of Transport and the Cairo Master Plan (2010) developed by the GOPP identify a number of potential Public Transport Routes in the Greater Cairo Metropolitan Area that can be considered for development as Bus Rapid Transport corridors.

2. Demonstration Bus Rapid Transit Corridors

UN-Habitat invites Expressions of Interest from Not-for-Profit Organizations or Governmental and Inter-Governmental organisations to develop demonstration BRT corridors for selected routes within Greater Cairo Metropolitan Area.

The key features of this initiative will comprise:

- i. Conduct an overview of the Public Transport situation in Cairo and present to Government and stakeholders a “Roadmap to BRT corridors in Cairo” reflecting international best practices.
- ii. Selection of two BRT corridors based on review of the “Cairo Extended City Model” and the Cairo Master Plan (2010) including demand analysis.
- iii. Develop service and operational plans for BRT systems.
- iv. Undertake conceptual level design for the BRT corridors.
- v. Develop basic financial model and basic business and institutional plans.
- vi. Provide technical support during detailed engineering design, construction, procurement and operation and commissioning stages for the overall BRT demonstration initiative.

The initiative will also aim to support Government’s objective of building the capacity of the related agencies for planning, designing, implementing and operating BRT systems.

The EOI should contain, but not be limited to the following:

- i. Overall experience of the organization in the area of BRT;

- ii. A short conceptual proposal on how the organisation plans to develop and implement this initiative;
- iii. The support/ contribution the organization is willing to make including, cash and in kind; (contribution in terms of staff time, office space and equipment and other support in cash and in-kind should be expressed in monetary terms)
- iv. Copies of statement of annual budget and annual reports of the previous 5 years;
- v. Copy of two latest audited reports, and
- vi. Governance and organizational structure; experience and qualifications of key professional staff and infrastructure facilities of the organization.

3. Budget

Subject to availability of funds, UN-Habitat will contribute financial resources to the tune of USD600,000 towards this Agreement of Cooperation (only for Not for Profit, Governmental and Inter-Governmental Organisations)

4. Overall Timeframe

The work outlined in this EOI is scheduled to commence by 15 August 2014. Trial operation and commissioning of the BRT systems is scheduled for October 2016.

5. Submission Requirements and Guidelines

Expression of Interest must be delivered in electronic format no later than **17 July 2014** to the e-mail address given below:

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7. Other

Please note that this EOI notice does not constitute a solicitation. UN-Habitat reserves the right to change or cancel this requirement at any time in the Expressions of Interest/or solicitation process.

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