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## Stakeholder Consultation for Ranchi Integrated Public Transport System: Bus operator

The capital of Jharkhand, Ranchi, has undergone a period of significant economic and infrastructural growth. This positive development has, however, been accompanied by a surge in population and a corresponding rise in private vehicle ownership. This has led to increased traffic congestion within the city, highlighting the urgent need for a robust public transport system.

In recognition of this pressing need, the Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) is proposing the development of a comprehensive City Bus System. This project aims to address the city's growing public transport demands by:

- Enhancing connectivity across Ranchi through the establishment of a well-designed bus network.
- Reducing the burden of traffic congestion currently caused by unregulated private transportation, particularly autos.
- Encouraging a modal shift away from personal vehicles and informal public transport
  (IPT) towards a more sustainable public bus system.

To achieve these objectives, the RMC plans to procure a fleet of 244 buses. This fleet will consist of a mix of 220 non-AC diesel midi buses, offering a balance between operational cost-effectiveness and passenger needs, and 24 AC electric midi buses. The project seeks to onboard a qualified bidder for bus operation and related services for the entire bus fleet.

RMC had earlier published tenders for the following works -

A. "selection of Bus Operators for Procure, Own, Operate, Maintain and Transfer a fleet of 24 Nos. AC Electric and 220 Nos. Non-AC Diesel buses for the city of Ranchi (Tender ID 273/Trans dt. 07/06/2024)

## Scope of work

- · Procurement of buses
- · Day to Day bus service on specified routes
- Operation and Maintenance

The aim of the consultation with the potential bidders is to understand their reasons for not participating in the earlier published tenders. This will help RMC to conduct a transparent and competitive bidding process to select the most suitable bus operator. This collaborative approach aims to ensure the long-term sustainability and financial viability of the project.

Understanding the importance of stakeholder involvement in ensuring project success, the RMC is hosting a pre-proposal meeting specifically for bus operators interested in participating in the Project. This meeting aims to achieve several key objectives:

- Gauge Interest: Assess the level of interest and potential participation from various agencies.
- Refine Bidding Process: Collaboratively refine the bidding process based on valuable stakeholder feedback.

The pre-proposal meeting will be held on 05<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 11:30 AM. Agencies interested in participating can e-mail on <a href="mailto:support@ranchimunicipal.com">support@ranchimunicipal.com</a> to receive the meeting link on or before 03<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 till 12:30 PM OR attend the meeting physically on scheduled date and time. Please note that a maximum of two participants per company are allowed.

The RMC actively encourages experienced bus operators to participate in this meeting. The valuable suggestions regarding the bidding process will be carefully considered for incorporation into the final project design. Looking forward to a collaborative and productive meeting for the successful development and implementation of the Ranchi public transportation system.

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