



## **SRI LANKA RAILWAYS**

### **An Invitation of for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

#### **Providing an opportunity for maintaining a solar panel scheme on the roof areas of railway stations and related buildings owned by the Railway Department.**

#### **Introduction**

Sri Lanka Railways (SLR), a government department governed under 200<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Ceylon Railway Ordinance Legislature, is the sole provider of rail services for passenger and freight transport. The total track length is 1437 km and has 341 stations. The northern route extends from Polgahawela to Kankasanthuraya and from Mahawa to Trincomalee, from Galoya to Batticaloa and from Medavachchiya to Mannar Port.

A large-scale solar panel project has not been implemented in the railway department so far. The railway department has decided to provide the roof areas of the railway stations and related buildings for a solar panel project and to contact private investors for that.

#### **Purpose of Invitation for EOI**

The purpose of inviting EOIs is to shortlist the prospective bidders who are suitably qualified to enter into the procurement process. The shortlisted bidders will be given a Request for Proposal (RFP) which shall include information on the scope of work, evaluation criteria and instructions on submitting technical as well as financial proposals.

#### **The project & Objectives**

The primary objective of this pilot project is to increase the income of the Sri Lanka Railways and to make use of the roof areas of the buildings owned by the Railway Department which have not been effectively utilized so far. Apart from this, this pilot project will provide the necessary support as a government agency for the 'Suriya Bala Sangramaya' (Battle of Solar Energy) project implemented by the Sri Lanka Solar Energy Authority.

#### ***Stations given to the pilot project***

Roof areas of railway stations and sub-station buildings between Polgahawela to Kankasanthuraya and from Mahawa to Trincomalee, from Galoya to Batticaloa and from Medavachchiya to Mannar Port.

#### ***Area of roof area provided***

Minimum 554,000 square feet

**Proposed Model**

Public Private Partnerships with local and international developers/investors. The project will be implemented for a period of 25 years under an agreement which is renewed every five years. An interested person or organization can bid under any of the following three scenarios.

1. Net Metering Scheme
2. Net Accounting Scheme
3. Net Plus Scheme

**Eligibility Criteria**

EOI can be forwarded by a bidder, a firm, a consortium or a joint venture. Bidders will be issued a Terms of Reference (TOR), which includes the scope of work, evaluation criteria, and instructions on submitting technical as well as financial proposals.

**Procedure for submitting EOI**

The TOR for EOI can be downloaded from the official website of the Railway Department. (Click the link <http://www.railway.gov.lk> for that).

Follow the steps below while submitting the EOI

1. All EOI as above should be put in an envelope, sealed and marked "EOI- Solar project" on the top left corner.
2. The sealed envelope should be sent by registered post or hand delivered to Deputy Superintendent (Sales and Marketing), Railway Headquarters, Maradana, Colombo 10 before 2.00 pm on 24/06/2023.
3. EOI received after 2.00 PM on 24/06/2023 will not be considered.

**Procedure for opening EOI**

1. All EOI are evaluated by a departmental technical evaluation committee.
2. The decision of the department in this regard is final.

General Manager  
Sri Lanka Railways