

# Upgrading bus network: Salmaniya Interchange project attracts four cos

Project to improve overall quality of bus network, passenger service: ministry

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has received proposals from four companies in response to a tender seeking construction of the Salmaniya Bus Interchange.

The primary objective of the project, according to the Ministry, is to improve the bus network in the Kingdom and provide passengers with a better experience and service.

Based on the received proposals, the project is estimated to cost the government between BHD 60,214,046 and BHD 396,900,000.

The bidding companies are Alkhunaizi Insulation Systems Al Khunaizi companies group, Awal Plastics, Sayed Kadhem Al Durazi & Son, and Inter Lock Maintenance Construction.

The Tender Board has accepted all bids, except for two which were subject to certain



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conditions. The selected contractor will be responsible for both the manufacturing and construction of

the Salmaniya Bus Interchange at both ends. Additionally, the contractor will be accountable for the maintenance and licensing of the interchange for a period of one year.

The Ministry has specified that it will only consider bidders who have successfully completed two projects worth BD 300,000 or more within the past three years. In a previous tender for the project's design, it was mentioned that the interchange would include a taxi rank, a yellow disk, and public bus services.

In addition to the ongoing tender for the Salmaniya Bus Interchange, there are further developments in the transportation sector of Bahrain.

The Ministry's actions coincide with plans to commence the construction of Bahrain Metro Phase-I, which has been awarded to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

According to a press release by the DMRC, a Memorandum

of Understanding (MoU) has been established, outlining the responsibilities of the various parties involved.

The manufacturing and supply of Rolling Stock for the Bahrain Metro Project will be overseen by BEML Limited, formerly known as Bharat Earth Movers Limited.

BEML Limited is a prominent "Schedule A" company specializing in the production of mining equipment, train coaches, and spare parts for defence, rail, electricity, and infrastructure industries. It operates under the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India.

As part of the MoU, the Delhi Metro will provide its expertise in project development, budgeting, and facilitate the establishment of contractual obligations for the Bahrain Metro Project. The agreement, valued at \$2 billion, has been officially signed, indicating a significant step forward in the development of the Bahrain Metro system.



## Avenue 41-Isa Town set for dual carriageway expansion

● Bidders are required to submit their proposals along with a BD4,000 bond

● Tender available for download from [www.tenderboard.gov.bh](http://www.tenderboard.gov.bh)

● Closing date of tender is 14 June 2023

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The Ministry of Works is forging ahead with an ambitious plan to expand a crucial stretch of Avenue 41-Isa Town, transforming it into a two-lane dual carriageway along the Sheikh Salman Highway.

The project targets a 750-meter section from Road 4013 to the 16th December Highway, which currently operates as a single carriageway. Notably, the portion of Avenue 41-Isa Town between Sh. Salman Highway and Road 4013 presently accommodates dual carriageway traffic.

Aside from increasing capac-



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ity, the project entails various enhancements to the single carriageway section.

These encompass the refinement of service roads and parking facilities, the establishment of block paved footpaths, measures for utility protection and diversions, and the installation of a storm drainage network.

The project aims to improve connectivity for incoming traffic between Bahrain Polytechnic College (BPC) and Bahrain Training Institute (BTI), regulate entry from the main gates overseeing the Ministry of Information, and streamline traffic between Avenue 16 December and Sheikh Salman Highway.

According to the ministry, these objectives will be achieved by transforming the street into a

two-directional road, enhancing key intersections, and expanding roundabouts.

Furthermore, this initiative aligns with the comprehensive development plan implemented by the Ministry to bolster Bahrain's transport network. The road works, with an estimated worth of 1.2 billion USD, are funded through the GCC Development Programme. These substantial investments are poised to further develop Bahrain's road infrastructure, support ongoing urbanisation efforts, facilitate residential development projects, and accommodate the country's rapid population growth.

In light of this significant project, the Ministry has issued a tender inviting qualified contractors to participate.

Interested contractors must possess a valid Pre-qualification License registered under the Road category, with grades AA, A, B, or C from the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs, and Urban Planning.

Bidders are required to submit their proposals along with a BD4,000 bond, valid for 180 days, before the closing date of June 14, 2023.

## Sewer connection for 260 properties in Block 246, 241



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work will span a total length of 1,468 meters, while the lateral pipeline will cover a distance of 2,334 meters.

Additionally, the project involves the construction of 478 manholes and a lift station.

The ministry advises that the execution of the project may impact existing utility services in the vicinity due to narrow road corridors within the project area.

## BTEA seeks social media experts to manage Bahrain's tourism brand

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has invited companies specializing in social media and digital campaign management to take charge of managing Bahrain's tourism brand.

A successful bidder should



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be able to provide services such as strategic planning, creative development, social media account management, digital campaign management, analysis services, and reporting.

A tender launched by BTEA says these services should align with its marketing and outreach goals over a period of three

years.

If interested, agencies should bid before the 4th of June 2023 with a BD2,500 bond valid for 90 days.

BTEA, established in 2015, aspires to boost the tourism sector's contribution to the national economy, in line with the Bahrain Economic vision 2030.

## BTEA invites proposals for New Year 2024, Bahrain Festival City 2023

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Preparations are underway to create an "exceptional experience" for citizens, expatriates, and tourists during the upcoming New Year's Eve celebrations and the highly anticipated Bahrain Festival City in 2023.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) said it aims to elevate the event to a higher level of entertainment and success compared to its previous edition. In line with this objective, BTEA has launched a tender, inviting experienced companies to submit their proposals.

The authority, according to a tender launched, places significant emphasis on the

importance of utilising the highest quality equipment, venue setups, and logistical attributes to ensure the event's success. It aims to attract tourists from the GCC and the wider region, while fostering a sense of positivity within the community.

Bidders are required to adhere to the terms, regulations, and safety measures set by governmental entities, including the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Interior (MOI).

Interested parties must submit their bids to the tender board before the deadline of July 5, 2023, accompanied by a BD5,000 bond that remains valid for 90 days.