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Preparation of Engagement in the ADB Projects

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Problems in the cities



Is smart city the hope?

Transport System

IT Infrastructure

Security System

Clean Energy

Tourism

Life Support



Solutions

- ICT solutions
 - 5G, AIOT, Smartphones and applications, **e-Government**, Virtual stores, Distance education, Telemedicine, Security (Disaster mitigation), Financial activities
- Smart transport and mobility enhancement
 - Intelligent Transport, ETC, Smart cards, Advanced logis
- Energy
 - Renewable energy, Energy storage, Green products
- Life supports
 - **Water Management**, Recyclables, Greenhouse plantation, Food banks



Concept



TA



Loan Project

ADB's role in smart city

- Initialize Technical Assistance (TA) projects to identify the needs and solutions

- TA projects are not lending projects. DMCs are willing to accept proposal for smart city solution, **but may not be able to move to next step...loan a project**

- Could use a TA project to demonstrate the **effectiveness** of smart city solutions?

While moving to a loan project

- Who is the designer? **What standards (specifications) are used?**
- Which procurement model is selected? How to accept the results?

Technical Assistance (TA)

- Technical assistance (TA) helps ADB's developing member countries (DMCs) implement projects, improve capacity, promote technology transfer and stimulate regional cooperation.
- Who will be recruited?
 - Consulting Firms and Individual Experts
 - Abundant **local experience**
 - Knowing **solutions and policies**
 - Proficiency in **English and Local Language**



Loan Projects



- **ADB provides financing for projects** in developing member countries (DMCs) that support economic growth and social development. Projects are identified in partnership with DMCs during strategic planning processes.
- The various stages that each project goes through, from **country programming, project design, to project completion, and evaluation** are known collectively as the ADB project cycle.
- Who will be recruited? (by Executing Agency, EA)
 - **General contractors** both international and local
 - **Suppliers, project supervision teams and evaluators**

Strategies and market placement of international firms

Strategies for international firms



- **Locking in certain countries**
 - Following major development such as intercity railroads, rural road reconstruction, mass rapid transit and critical infrastructures.
 - Linking local consultants, or being a local consultants
- **Being familiar with regional development**
 - Cross-border projects such as GMS (Greater Mekong Sub-region)
- **Being sensitive to important issues**
 - Climate changes, Safeguard, Inclusion and Green products

Other promotion activities

- Demonstration projects funded by **international cooperation agencies**
 - Electric vehicles (EV) and charging stations
 - Solar farm (photo-voltaic panels, PV panels)
 - Data Center
- Bridging the gap
 - Before implementing smart city solutions, how to **improve existing infrastructure?** e.g. ICT
 - **Who will pay for the upgraded services?**
 - What are the **examples** that show the results?



Goal and direction for Taiwanese firms to engage in the ADB projects

Do we have enough experts?



- We have accountable engineers, but we don't have
 - **Project Managers** with plentiful international project experience
 - **Socialists** – solving gender and balancing development between urban and rural areas
 - **Public Health Experts** – solving health issues such as pandemic
 - **Environmentalists** – coping with climate changes and substantiality
 - **Green Design Specialists** – recyclables, reuse, energy saving products

Do we have enough side supports?

- **Procurement Specialists**
 - Knowing rules and regulations
 - Hand-on experience
- **Legal and Contract Specialists**
 - Managing contract
 - Client Communications
 - Examination of local legal issues related to the project
- **Finance Specialists**
 - Financial and investment models
 - Estimate project costs and expected profits



ADB Evaluation Criteria

- Company Experience
- Roles and capability for team members
- **Solutions that meet TOR requirements**
- **Reasonable price estimations**
- Proper time and staff schedules
- Solid deliverables fit the client's demand
- Awarded (Congratulations!)



Challenges ahead

- Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
 - Unlike the traditional infrastructure, smart city solutions may require **long-term operation and maintenance**
 - Supports from local partners or on-site permanent staff
- Shorter product life cycle
 - **5-10 years working life** for most of electronic parts
 - Continuous technologies evolution
- Compatibility
 - Linking other services and interoperability issues
- **Price competitiveness**



Conclusion



- Consultants and suppliers shall implement the project and deliver the results **on time, with quality, within budget**, and in accordance with government and **ADB policies and procedures**.
- Smart city solutions may require **pilot studies** or **project demonstration** to attract clients' interest where full-scale implementation could follow.
- In addition to excellent engineering, project management team should include **social, environmental, gender, energy and finance aspects** to ensure a successful project.



Thank you

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