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15 firms in race for Delhi's multimodal transport hub

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Nearly 15 major infrastructure and real estate companies have shown interest in being part of the proposed Multimodal Transit Hub to be developed by the Delhi government at ISBT, Dwarka.

The players include BLS-ILFS consortium, Unity Infracore, Lanco Infracore, Nagarjuna Constructions, CMC Constructions, Parasvath Developers, Zoom Developers, Sun City Projects, Somdutt Builders, Pawha Infrastructure and SMS Infrastructures.

The project, which will be developed on a public-private partnership (PPP) basis at an estimated cost of Rs 400 crore, will be on a BOMM (build-operate-maintain-manage) basis for a period of 40 years. It is expected to be awarded by August 2008.

The proposed transit system will be developed over 10.9 hectares near the world class convention centre developed by DLF and IGI International Airport. The Delhi government intends to make this project operational before the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

An official at Delhi Inte-

grated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd (DIMTS), which is overseeing this project, said: "So far we have got good response from various infrastructure players. The last date for submission of the request-for-qualification (RFQ) is June 23, by which time we are expecting some more players to come in".

This will be the first integrated transit hub in the country that will provide inter-connectivity between multiple modes of public transport like inter-state buses, Delhi metro, and the proposed light rail transit system to be introduced by the Delhi government.