

Government Committee Launches Second Request-for-Interest for Foreign System Schools

1. A Government committee, chaired by the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) and comprising key members including the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), is inviting proposals under Request-for-Interest (RFI) to set up foreign system schools (FSS). The proposals will be assessed based on a matrix of factors including quality of project, ability to meet market demand as well as investment commitments.
2. As Singapore's economic climate improves and the economy resumes its growth, the Singapore Government expects the market for FSS to expand as well. There has been keen interest amongst both existing FSSs and new players to set up new operations in Singapore. The RFI is a key Whole-of-Government initiative in response to the development in the FSS sector.
3. EDB's Executive Director of Human Capital, Mr. Toh Wee Kiang, said, "One of our focus areas under our "Host to Home" strategy is talent, where we want Singapore to be a home for both local and foreign talent. EDB aims to ensure that there is a broad range of high-quality schools and curricula to meet the diverse educational needs of the foreign community in Singapore. This RFI is in line with that vision and is a strong signal of commitment by the Singapore government to invest in important talent infrastructure at a time when our economy is growing again."
4. SLA has been working with EDB and other Government agencies to offer sites for education-related uses to cater to the growing demand. To date, some examples include the Canadian International School and United World College of South East Asia.
5. SLA's Director of Land Operations, Mr. Lee Seng Lai said, "We are pleased to be involved in this whole-of-government initiative. SLA will continue to work with our partner agencies to identify and make available sites for FSS to further the development of the FSS sector."
6. "At the centre of the fastest growing region in the world, Singapore has continued to attract global talent into our country. FSSs provide an important infrastructure that attract global financial talent to live and work in Singapore", said Mr. Ng Nam Sin, Executive Director of Financial Centre Development Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore.
7. A total of five State buildings and land parcels, namely, two "Brownfield" (existing vacant school buildings) and three "Greenfield" (existing vacant land) sites, have been identified for use as FSSs. The

sites were selected based on locality, convenience, availability, space and ease of adaptability.

8. The "Brownfield" sites will be let out via tenancy with an initial term of three years, with an option to renew for another terms of three years (i.e., 3+3). The "Greenfield" sites have a lease period of 30 years. More details of these sites can be found at Annex A.
9. Interested foreign system schools are invited to submit proposals for specific sites with each school allowed to submit proposals for more than one site. Please note that applicants must choose and bid for at least one "Greenfield" site, with an optional and additional "Brownfield" site.
For example: Greenfield, OR Greenfield + Brownfield
10. Interested parties can also collect a full set of tender information, available from 30 March 2010, 12pm onwards, at:

Economic Development Board
250 North Bridge Road
Raffles City Tower, Level 18
Singapore 179101
11. SLA will be conducting site show-rounds to the two "Brownfield" sites for interested parties. Please proceed to these locations at the dates and times stated. For more information, please contact SLA (contact details at the bottom of this release).

13 Apr (Tue) at 10.30 am (Former Chong Boon Primary School)

14 Apr (Wed) at 10.30 am (Former Nan Chiau High School)
12. All proposals should be submitted, together with the submission form to the following address by hand or by post no later than 1 July 2010 at 5pm sharp:

Economic Development Board
250 North Bridge Road
Raffles City Tower, Level 18
Singapore 179101
(Attn: Ms. Christabel Sunmugam)
13. Only shortlisted FSS(s) will be notified to attend interviews, expected to be held from July to August, by the Committee.
14. This is a Request-for-Interest exercise, and does not constitute an offer of the "Greenfield" / "Brownfield" sites listed. The Singapore Government reserves the right to decide whether to proceed with awarding the "Greenfield" / "Brownfield" sites at the end of the exercise, and to vary the specifications of the sites at its discretion.

15. Winner(s) of the exercise, if any, will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2010.
16. For any other enquiries, please contact the following:

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ANNEX A: SITE INFORMATION

Greenfields

- 1) Bukit Batok Road -3.5 or 5.0 ha
- 2) Punggol Field Walk - 4.0 ha
- 3) Yishun Ave 1- 3.5 or 5.0 ha

Brownfields

- 1) 6 Ang Mo Kio Street 44 Singapore 569253
(Former Chong Boon Primary School)
Estimated Land Area: 14,295.40 sqm
Estimated GFA: 7,477.75 sqm

- 2) 46 Kim Yam Road Singapore 239351
(Former Nan Chiau High School)
Estimated Land Area: 13,803.9 sqm
Estimated GFA: 16,543 sqm

*1 ha = 10,000 sqm