



Opportunities for Joint Ventures

The resurgence in urban rapid transit projects across India has seen global tenders issued for several projects. Canadian companies bidding for the transit projects will face competition from Japan, Korea, the US, Sweden and Germany. The most promising sub-sectors for Canadian involvement in Urban Transit in India are in 1) supply of equipment and 2) design and consultancy. The unofficial estimated 1996 market size for these sub-sectors is US\$ 50 million and US\$ 25 million respectively.

The following is a summary of urban transit projects either planned or underway.

1) Light Rail Transit, Ahmadabad

The State Government of Gujarat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a consortium led by M/S Mukand Ltd. for the implementation of LRT in BOT mode.

2) Light Rail Transit, Bangalore

Proposals have been received from 14 consortia for the first phase of the US\$ 1.4 billion four-phase LRT project for Bangalore city in the southern Indian state of Karnataka. The project will be implemented in BOT mode by the Karnataka Government jointly with a consortium of Indian and foreign firms.

3) Suburban Railway and Highways, Bombay

The Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) is reviewing proposals for the Bombay Urban Transport Project II (BUTP-II). The City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd. (CIDCO) is identifying and developing projects in New Bombay and other urban nodes in Maharashtra.

4) Underground High Capacity Rapid Transit (Metro) and Suburban Railway, Calcutta

The feasibility of extensions to the Metro and suburban railway already in operation is being examined.