



# BEKENDMAKING



## THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR

#### A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

#### FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE SURINAME RIVER including connecting roads

The government of Suriname strives for better infrastructure in and around Paramaribo as today's traffic demands are exceeding road and bridge capacities and are limiting economic growth.

Paramaribo is the rapidly growing capital generating heavy traffic in terms of goods and persons to all parts of the country. Many of the economic activities of the country depend on the harbor, industries and services in and around the city. With the recent discoveries of new oil resources, economic activities are expected to expand substantially, pushing the infrastructure load even more over its limits.

All motorized traffic from the west part of the country, including traffic from greater Paramaribo, to the east part of the country and vice versa, has to pass the Suriname River via the existing Jules Wijdenbosch Bridge, which is located in the center of the city, and which is a two-lane bridge with no alternative river crossings in the near vicinity of the city.

Due to much congestion, crossing the bridge during rush hours can take up to one and a half hours. Part of the congestion is due to limitations in capacity regarding the connecting roads. However, being a two-lane bridge, there is also a high risk of being totally blocked by traffic accidents, which might result in economic damage and even in life-threatening circumstances.

For a second bridge several locations are to be considered:

- A. Crossing at Leonsberg – Nieuw-Amsterdam;
- B. East Extension of Northern Ringweg, crossing the Suriname River and extending to Tamanredjo;
- C. Crossing the Suriname River south of the Saramacca Canal, connecting the Martin Luther Kingweg (near crossing Latourweg) via a new bridge to be build and Meerzorg to the East-West Link;
- D. Crossing the Suriname River near the Tout Lui Faut Canal, connecting Garnizoenspad/Vijfde Rijweg via a new bridge to be build to Tamanredjo;
- E. Crossing the Suriname River between the Tout Lui Faut Canal and Domburg, connecting Garnizoenspad/Vijfde Rijweg via a new bridge to be build to Tamanredjo;
- F. Other locations;

The Government of Suriname wishes to enter into a Public Private Partnership (build-operate-transfer (BOT) contract) for the realization of a new bridge to be build over the Suriname River including its connecting roads. The Ministry of Public Works invites interested eligible investors to submit Expressions of Interest for the realization of the bridge including the connecting roads.

In the assessment of the submissions, technical competence, qualifications and experience, financial capability and experience on similar PPP's will be reviewed and considered.

At the first stage of the desired PPP, selected investors will be asked to submit studies and preliminary designs for the construction of the bridge and the connecting roads.

The required preparations will comprise at least the next studies:

- a) Traffic flows before and after realization of the project (all options)
- b) Construction plans of all options (preliminary designs, including for connecting roads and crossings)
- c) Technical feasibility study of the bridge including the connecting roads (all options)
- d) Financial feasibility study of the bridge including the connecting roads (all options)
- e) Business models on the operation of the bridge based on necessary investments, operational costs, maintenance costs, toll levy (bridge only).  
Note: PPP concession is valid for 30 years, negotiable; traffic with a maximum weight of 4 tons may be excluded from crossing the existing Jules Wijdenbosch Bridge (optional)
- f) Landownership
- g) ESIA (all options)

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Two hard copies including two soft copies of the Expression of Interest must be submitted to the Ministry of Public Works, no later than Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 11.00 a.m. local time. The sealed envelope should clearly indicate the name of the applicant and shall be clearly marked "Expression of Interest – Construction of a new Bridge over the Suriname River including connecting roads".

The government of Suriname reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or entirely. It will not be bound to give any reason for not selecting any applicant and will not defray any cost incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of the Expression of Interest.

Paramaribo, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a circular official stamp. The stamp contains the text "MINISTERIE VAN OPENBARE WERKEN" around the perimeter and a central emblem.

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