
Galfar and L&T bid lowest for Muscat International airport

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MEED reported that 4 groups are bidding for the first main contract on the development of Muscat International airport issued by Oman's transport & communication ministry.

The low bidder is a consortium of the local Galfar Engineering & Contracting Company and India's Larsen & Toubro, which has bid OMR 473 million for the work.

The other bidders are Athens based Consolidated Contractors International Company with Turkey's TAV, with a bid of OMR 509 millions; Cyprus based Joannou & Paraskevaides at OMR 520 million, and Austria's Strabag, which submitted two prices of OMR 581 million and OMR 587 million.

The work involves building the northern runway, taxiway system, aprons, roads, utility buildings and other civil works. Further packages will cover a terminal building, an air traffic control tower and ancillary buildings.

The terminal will be built between the airport's runways. It will have a floor area of 290,000 square meters and connected to the existing terminal by a rail link. It is due to be completed by 2011.

The airport, formerly known as Seeb International, handles 4.5 million passengers a year, but will have capacity for 12 million passengers a year once the work is completed. Three additional phases could increase capacity to 48 million passengers a year.

A team of Denmark's Cowi and the local Larsen Architects & Consulting Engineers prepared the concept designs for the project. A JV of France's Aeroports de Paris and Pakistan's National Engineering Services Pakistan & Partners is the project manager.

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