1. **Background**

1.1 In December 2017, the Royal Thai Government issued the 2018 – 2022 Public Private Partnership Master Plan, under the 2013 Act of the Public Private Partnership (PPP Act). The Master Plan serves as a policy guidance for the Government agencies to determine which state undertaking should be chosen and receive PPP promotion.

1.2 According to the Master Plan, PPP projects consist of two sub-sectors;

   (1) Those requiring private sector investment (Opt-out), such as mass transit system and cargo ports, and;

   (2) Those encouraging participation and investment from private sector (Opt-in), such as telecommunication networks, irrigation system, science and technology infrastructure, and infrastructure related to digital economy.

1.3 The Government aims to attract local and foreign companies to become the main investors in the Sub-sector 1’s projects, and to promote private sector participation in the Sub-sector 2 to help the Government invest in those projects quicker and more cost-effectively.

2. **Target Areas and Status**

2.1 The biggest and most prominent PPP framework is the development of Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC), a special economic zone located in 3 Eastern provinces; Chachoengsao, Chonburi, and Rayong. The goal of EEC development is to facilitate and attract investment in 10 innovative target industries in order to drive the country with ‘New Engine of Growth’ under the Thailand 4.0 model.


2.3 The EEC Policy Committee has identified 5 EEC Projects related to transport infrastructure, which will receive special PPP promotion (PPP EEC Track), namely: (1) the development of U-Tapao Airport as an Aerotropolis, (2) High Speed Rail Link of 3 Airports Project, (3) 3rd Phase of Map Ta Phut Industrial
Port, (4) 3rd Phase of Laem Chabang Deep Sea Port, and (5) 2nd Phase of U-Tapao Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Facilities.

3. How to Participate

3.1 Companies interested in bidding in the PPP project should attend a market sounding session, which will be held by the responsible agency before making a pre-tender announcement. Investors are encouraged to follow up closely for updates and acquire more information directly from the responsible agencies’ websites, such as the Ministry of Transport, and the Ministry of Industry.

3.2 Currently, there are three PPP projects that have undergone the market sounding process, and are awaiting pre-tender announcements and/or tender openings, including:

1. **Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Bang Pa-in – Nakhon Ratchasima Intercity Motorway (M6)**: This project is under the supervision of the Department of Highways (DOH), Ministry of Transport, and has been approved by the Cabinet resolution on August 22, 2017 for PPP Gross Cost investment scheme. The tender opening / summiting of proposals is scheduled between March and July 2018.

2. **Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Bang Yai – Kanchanaburi Intercity Motorway (M81)**: This is another DOH’s project, approved by the Cabinet resolution for PPP Gross Cost investment scheme. The pre-tender announcement was made on January 31, 2018. The tender opening / summiting of proposals is scheduled between March and July 2018.

For more information about (1) and (2) projects, please visit website: [http://goo.gl/CKykjm](http://goo.gl/CKykjm).

3. **High Speed Rail Link of 3 Airports (Don Muang – Suvarnabhumi – U-Tapao)**: This project, presented by the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) Office, Ministry of Industry, and the State Railway of Thailand, completed its market sounding session on March 21, 2018, and is scheduled for tender opening between April and August 2018.

For more information, please visit websites: [http://goo.gl/Kk3S5S](http://goo.gl/Kk3S5S), [http://goo.gl/sL7121](http://goo.gl/sL7121), and [http://goo.gl/qxR31g](http://goo.gl/qxR31g).

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