

11 firms evince interest in pod taxi project in Uttar Pradesh

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As many as 11 companies, from both India and abroad, have shown their interest in the proposed pod taxi project connecting the Noida International Airport in Jewar and Film City in Sector-21.

The pre-bid meeting held on 19 July, 2023, saw the participation of representatives from PRT UK, L&T, Systra France, Ultra PRT, Siemens, Tata, IRB Infrastructure, Intamin Transportation (Switzerland), Hyundai, Kalpataru and Invest India through both online and offline mode.

Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation has prepared the detailed project report (DPR) for the project.

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) floated a global tender for the construction of the pod taxi system on 1 July, 2023. The deadline to submit applications for the design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) project is 10 August, 2023. The technical bids from the companies will be opened on 16 August, 2023.

The estimated cost for developing the project, covering a distance of 14.6 km, is Rs 641.53 crore. The concession period is set at 35 years, including a two-year construction period.

The pod taxi will also serve as an efficient public transport solution for the various YEIDA sectors including 21, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, and 35.