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**DEVELOPMENT OF BHONGIR FORT (BHUVANAGIRI): SPECIFICATIONS FOR
CONCEPT DESIGNS AND MASTER PLAN**

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1.1 Introduction

A.P. Tourism Development Corporation proposes to develop “BHONGIRI FORT” – a unique Master plan at Bhongiri town in Nalgonda district, Andhra Pradesh. The concept plan will comprise the theme of Heritage, Historical & Eco Adventure theme park.

1.2 Historical Back Ground

The Bhongir fort adorns the place from the time it was built in 10th century. The fort was supposed to be built by a Chalukyan ruler Tribhuvanamalla Vikramaditya VI in the year 1076 and was named after him as 'Bhuvanagiri'. Some of the inscriptions found in the fort were in Kannada and Telugu language that highlighted the life style of the people in that era.

The inscriptions, the architecture and some sculptures found in the fort reveal that the fort was ruled by Chalukyan kings for a long time and then by the Kakatiyan Kings. The stone wall, the steps through the granite archways and the crumbling stucco ruins of the later age, still adorns the place.

Somewhere in 15th century, the fort was ceded to the Bahamani Sultans and then was taken over by a local governor of Qutub Shahis. The Qutub Shahis' used the fort as a prison for those who aspired to snatch their throne. During the time of British, the fort escaped from their attention from being occupied. Bhongir was much ignored after the down fall of Nizams at the time of communist revolution in the late 1940's.

2.0 Site

The Corporation has acquired of ----- of land adjoining Bhongir Bus stand Fort on single monolithic rock. The detailed survey map is enclosed (Annexure – A). It is advisable that Architects visit the site and study the actual grounds before preparation of the plan and may contact the Liaison Officer for coordination for such visits.

2.1 Present Status of Development

The land available on the hill. Entrance wall & Gate for Fort has already constructed by Archaeology & Museums Dept. The fort showcases extraordinary architecture and geometric excellence. At the foot of the fortified rocks stands the town of Bhongir, it has a unique egg-shaped construction with two entry points protected by huge rocks, so the fort was considered practically impregnable by invading armies.

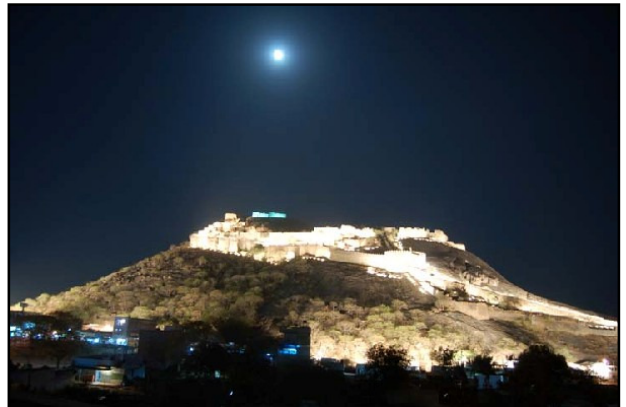
3.0 Scope of work

It is proposed to conduct a competition for the development of Master Plan for development of Tourism at Bhongiri Fort with following tentative Components.

- There are minimum suggested Components, the architect consultants may suggest new components also.
- A Committee consisting of experts will be constituted to finalise the Master Plan.
- The Architect Consultants have to present their Concept Plan/Master Plan before the Committee.
- The selected Architect Consultant will be given a cash Prize of Rs. 50,000/-
- Further, If expert committee may decide to select certain components from one Architect Consultant and few other components from other Architect Consultant, the prize money will be shared between them. In such cases, the committee will decide which of the above two will act as further Architect Consultant for the Project.

1. **Rock Museum** (To give the history of Rocks available in Deccan- for this Documentary developed by Sri Narendra Luthar IAS (Rtd) can be taken.

2. **Historical Museum** (collected historical data can be presented in the Museum area as 3D forms on wall with Ferro cement.
3. **Sculpture Park** (Single rocks must be identified in the identified area and with the help of fine Arts collage, JNTU a competition can be held for the sculpture for developing the rocks into different forms with little sculpturing intervention or manipulation. Historical & Cultural theme Sculptures have to develop in this park.
4. **Diffused Lighting (Illumination) of Monuments**(LED lighting has to be provided to the existing old monuments and the sculpture park, so as to make it attractive during the night times for the commuters passing on the NH 202).
5. **Rappling Activity** (Bhongir Hillock is having a huge monolithic rock, which can be perfectly used for rappelling activity. This activity can be developed immediately)
6. **Ropeway from Ground to Hill top** (Since Bhongir Fort is hardly 70 Kms from Hyderabad and is located on NH and nearer to Yadagiri gutta, famous pilgrimage centre, the Rope way would become an instant hit- Alignment must be on the other side of the National Highway, it should not hinder the view of the Bhongir fort hillock. Proper technology and design has to be used).
7. **Restaurant** (Large Restaurant must be developed near the Lower station of the Ropeway and on the other side of the Road – a small dry cafeteria can be developed on the top of the hill near upper station)
8. **Laser show** Depending upon the historical data obtained 4or 5 shows to be developed
9. **Sitting area** on the top of hill.
10. **Historical (ancient) Gardens** (Tree and plant species along with ancient garden designs to be identified with the help of History & Archaeological departments).
11. **Sacred grooves** (grooves have to be developed for different themes like Jainism, shivaitism, vaishnavaitism etc accordingly, related sculptures and related plant/tree species to be identified and developed in that groove).
12. **STP** Appropriate solid waste Management system
13. **Ethnic Accommodation** (Resort rooms) 3 to 5 blocks with 10 rooms in each block. However, to begin with only two blocks can be developed. Further, as and when demand arises other blocks can be developed. Rooms must be of typical Telangana style with semi cylindrical earthen tiles.
14. **Refurbishment** of Existing Fort wall.
15. **Approach Road** from NH – 202 i.e., new Ring road.
16. **Entrance arch** with Entrance Plaza



4.0 Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) They must have registered with A1.
- 2) They must have adequate Office support for executing projects.
 - a) The firm/Architect Consultant should have an office with not less than plinth area.
 - b)

5.0 Selection of Architects – Schedules

The cover 'A' should contain necessary certificates for eligibility criteria of Architect.

The cover 'B' should contain

1. Submission of documents by Architects to APTDC by 25th September, 2012.	(i) Concept and Master Plan for the Development of Bhongir Fort.
2.Presentation of proposals on 28th September, 2012.	(ii) Plans of individual Components & details. (iii) Presentation in Walk through / PPT format.

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