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INTRODUCTION

The time for past endeavors is over; the era of global competitive development has begun.

Under the strategic leadership of Engineer Belkasem Hifter, General Director of the Fund for Development and Reconstruction of Libya (FDRL), the GCUPI-B is a mandate to transform Benghazi. As a city that steeped in history with a vibrant crossroads that has defined trade, culture, and influence for millennia, We seek to elevate our city beyond a modern urban center, turning it into a fully integrated international economic capital and a global hub for trade, services, and logistics—a vital connecting point in the global economy.

The GCUPI-B is the world's first invitation to participate in an open, competitive process designed to secure real-life concept plans and innovative solutions for our great city from global enterprises. We are opening the doors to a new world of investment opportunities in the Mediterranean, inviting firms, experts, and innovators to not just compete, but to co-author Benghazi's magnificent urban future.



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FDRL



The Fund for Development and Reconstruction of Libya (**FDRL**), established by the House of Representatives in February 2024, is the nation's central strategic body for recovery and modernization. It was created to consolidate and accelerate monumental rebuilding efforts across the country, especially following the Derna flood disaster. The FDRL's mandate extends beyond simple restoration to holistic development across five key sectors: Infrastructure, Education, Healthcare, Housing, and Security. The Fund actively partners with international firms, prioritizing technical excellence and knowledge transfer for long-term economic prosperity.





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Engineer Belkasem Hifter

Leading this mission is Engineer Belkasem Hifter, the inaugural Director General, who anchored Libya's recovery at a pivotal moment in early 2024. As an accomplished Civil Engineer, he brought the technical rigor necessary to establish the FDRL's uncompromising standards. He effectively consolidated the crucial dual mandate of overseeing Derna's reconstruction and Benghazi's major revitalization. His vision is to transform Benghazi into an "international economic capital, a leading urban hub connecting Africa and Europe." His leadership translates national dreams into tangible reality, launching flagship projects and securing essential global partnership, making his work the definitive bedrock of a stable and modern Benghazi.



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FDRL's General Manager's Message

It is my distinct honor to welcome you to the official platform of the Global Competitive Urban Planning Initiative - Benghazi (GCUPI-B). This initiative is the keystone of the strategic vision set forth by the Fund for Development and Reconstruction of Libya (FDRL).

Today, we stand at a pivotal moment in the history of our ancient city. We are not simply launching a competition; we are initiating a global partnership to integrate ambitious visions with the finest international expertise, thereby charting a course for a future worthy of Benghazi's deep legacy and strategic importance.

We understand that development is not merely about infrastructure and construction; it is about forging hope, empowering our people, and establishing a smart, sustainable, and economically vibrant city. Therefore, the GCUPI-B is an open global platform where major enterprises and institutions are invited to compete. We seek designs and innovative solutions that must align with our national economic priorities, respect our unique cultural and social context, and decisively anticipate the economic horizons of tomorrow.

Benghazi, with its strategic location on the shores of the Mediterranean, is destined to be more than a regional center. It must emerge as an international economic capital, a leading urban hub connecting Africa and Europe, and a global model for modern cities that utilize advanced technology and creativity to achieve sustainable growth.

As we extend this invitation to all international partners, academic institutions, and specialized experts to participate, we affirm that this competition is designed not only to secure an **integrated urban plan** for the city. It is intended to launch **a collective, inspirational journey that will translate our nation's dreams into tangible reality, opening vast new horizons for investment, procurement, and sustainable partnership.**

Let us collectively ensure Benghazi becomes a global success story. May this platform be our definitive window to that future, where professional creativity meets national responsibility, and vision is transformed into an enduring achievement.



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The Global Competitive Event: The Path to Urban modernization

Conference & Innovation (Knowledge Exchange & Best Practices)

The December 8th international conference in Benghazi aims to establish a strategic framework for the city. It features recognized companies leading specialized workshops and presenting the initiative's vision and objectives. The conference will explain how local companies, consulting firms, and urban planning specialists can submit proposals to compete and showcase their ideas at an accompanying international exhibition.



Exhibition & Executive Review
Showcase and Official Vetting.

The exhibition on December 9th will showcase global solutions, innovations from local youth and startups, and expertise in urban planning. It will feature high-quality 3D models and target over 500 companies across various pavilions. A committee will meet with officials from the Fund for Development and Reconstruction of Libya to review all elements, focusing on competitiveness, community studies, and technical assessments for optimal outcomes.

Final Review & Opportunity
(One-on-one presentation sessions with FDRL) (December 10th)

A full day dedicated to detailed, one-on-one presentation sessions for the best proposals and concepts. This leads directly to great opportunities, confirming the path toward project execution.





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Key Features of the Initiative



International Collaboration & Partnership: Fostering strong global alliances for growth, innovation, and economic diplomacy.



Strategic Economic Transformation: Revitalizing Benghazi's economy through modernization and strategic global investment.



Sustainable & Responsible Development: Advancing urban progress while actively safeguarding shared natural resources.

Innovative & Smart Urban Solutions: Harnessing cutting-edge creativity and technology to build future-ready cities.



Cultural Vitality & Community Focus: Empowering local people and enriching urban life by celebrating the city's unique culture.



Visionary Infrastructure & Legacy: Modernizing systems with bold, forward-looking strategies for enduring achievement.





Who Can Participate?

The GCUPI-B invites organizations and experts with a proven track record of excellence to contribute to the strategic rehabilitation and development of Benghazi. We seek participation from the following categories:

Primary Design & Development Contenders

- **Global Urban Planning Firms:** Large enterprises specializing in master planning, resilient infrastructure, and comprehensive urban design.
- **Engineering & Reconstruction Companies:** Leading firms with deep experience in large-scale city renewal, infrastructure, and high-value project execution.
- **Joint Ventures & Consortiums:** Strategic alliances formed to offer multi-disciplinary expertise covering both design and financial/implementation feasibility.
- **Independent Experts & Self-Employed Consultants:** Proven specialists (e.g., in smart mobility, sustainable finance) offering focused, high-value consulting insights.



Specialized Services

- **Financial & Commercial Services:** Institutions offering expertise in creating new economic models and sustainable funding strategies for city growth.
- **Logistics & Free Zone Experts:** Contributors focused on enhancing Benghazi's strategic position as a vital regional trade and transport hub.
- **Energy & Environment Specialists:** Firms and experts dedicated to developing robust, sustainable energy frameworks and environmental stewardship programs.



We welcome the registration of visitors of Local Talent

Local Startups & Entrepreneurs: Young, creative talent presenting innovative, applicable solutions that align with the city's immediate needs and future vision.

Academia (Universities & Students): Future leaders contributing fresh, research-backed perspectives on design, cultural integration, and long-term planning.



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Primary Registration and Intent Setting

Participants must formally register their entity, selecting their type (Individual Expert, Joint Venture, or Established Company) and submitting preliminary professional information. Crucially, you will select your intended method of participation (e.g., Proposal Submission, Exhibition Display, or Strategic Observer). Upon completion, you will immediately receive a unique Tracking Number to reference throughout the remainder of the application and approval process.

Preliminary Review and Resource Approval

The Evaluation Committee conducts a preliminary review of all pre-registered applications, focusing on verifying professional qualifications and track records. Approved participants who intend to submit a proposal will receive official authorization and a primary invitation. This approval grants access to the necessary competitive resources, including the detailed City Dossier and Technical Documentation, vital for developing a comprehensive concept plan.

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Final Proposal Submission (The Competitive Stage)

This phase requires the submission of your competitive deliverable. Approved entities on the proposal track must submit their Final and Only Pre-Concept Proposal by the stated deadline. This submission must be comprehensive, addressing the initiative's core pillars of urban efficiency, economic viability, and cultural responsibility. Entities focusing solely on exhibition must use this period to confirm all display specifications and requirements with the committee.

Final Confirmation and Initiative Invitation

The committee completes the final, rigorous evaluation and selection of all competitive elements. All successfully selected participants will receive a Final Confirmation and Official Invitation to attend the three-day GCUPI-B Initiative (December 8-10). The invitation will detail the approved method of participation (e.g., presenting the winning proposal, securing a dedicated exhibition space, or attending as an invited strategic partner) and confirm all necessary logistical details.

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Why Join the Global Initiative?



Engaging in the GCUPI-B is a strategic decision that positions your organization at the core of a nation-defining project focused on the rehabilitation and strategic renewal of Benghazi. Participation provides critical, high-level advantages:

- **Direct Access and Influence:** Gain exclusive presentation access to FDR leadership and key governmental decision-makers, directly influencing the long-term vision and holistic revival of Benghazi.
- **Procurement and Partnership Pipeline:** Position your firm at the forefront of the upcoming development phases in Benghazi, securing a vital relationship for future multi-billion dollar Mediterranean projects focused on urban renewal.
- **Global Brand Elevation:** Achieve unparalleled visibility by showcasing your innovative concepts for city rehabilitation to an international audience, global media, and the world's most competitive urban development firms.
- **Strategic Alliance Forging:** Collaborate with industry-leading firms, consortiums, and specialized experts, creating robust joint ventures for future market expansion and the delivery of integrated urban solutions.
- **Define a Global Benchmark:** Author the physical transformation and economic revival of a major Mediterranean economic capital, setting the definitive international standard for smart, sustainable, and resilient urban development.



Registration link

