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28 Companies submit Bids for Design and Build Tender of Singapore's Low Cost Terminal

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) has received bids from 28 companies for the tender to design and build a low cost terminal at Singapore Changi Airport. The bids submitted came in from S\$23 million upwards. CAAS will now proceed to evaluate the bids. The submissions will be evaluated on qualitative criteria such as track records, experience, design proposal and cost effectiveness.

The design and build tender was called end July 2004, after CAAS announced the decision to proceed with the construction of the low cost terminal following Tiger Airways' commitment to use it. The tender, which closed on 29 September 2004, is expected to be awarded by the end of this year.

The tender called for bidders to design and build a single-storey passenger terminal building to serve low cost carriers (LCCs). CAAS had asked for the design to be simple, modern and functional, but the overall look of the terminal should be cheerful and interesting. In terms of layout, passengers should be able to move around and clear travel processes with ease. Another requirement is that the terminal should be durable and easy to maintain, while allowing for future expansion. CAAS will now evaluate the bids submitted.

The new low cost terminal at Changi Airport is scheduled to be ready in early 2006. While the low cost terminal is designed to meet the needs of LCCs, the needs of travellers have not been forgotten. Travellers can find services such as money changers, duty-free shopping, food & beverage outlets, and a shuttle bus service that will connect them to the existing terminals. There will also be ramps to make it easier for the less mobile travellers to move about.

The low cost terminal is part of CAAS' efforts to grow Singapore's status as an aviation hub by facilitating the operations of all airlines in Singapore, including the LCCs. Changi Airport is now served by 73 airlines with more than 3,500 flights to over 160 cities in more than 50 countries.